

# DR. STONE

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## BOICHI

I stress about a lot of things while drawing and one of them is lids. Senku stores a bunch of science stuff in bottles and pots, but I often don't know what to do about the lids...

I also altered the way Senku's rocket operated by matching it to his age and technical capabilities.

Wood and stone tools and the way the characters use them are drawn differently depending on their time periods. The same is true of the village's details.

I always think hard about this stuff so I don't ruin Inagaki Sensei's amazing story, but there are plenty of times where I end up feeling disappointed because I don't have the time or talent.

I've drawn sci-fi manga, studied physics and read about a thousand books on science, yet I'm always blown away by *Dr. Stone's* faithful portrayal of science. It fills me with a sense of wonder and reminds me of my own inadequacy.

**Boichi** is a Korean-born artist currently living and working in Japan. His previous works include *Sun-Ken Rock* and *Terra Formars Asimov*.



## RIICHIRO INAGAKI

I went to a glass workshop to try crafting some glassware! Basically, it's like super soft clay and really fun!

It filled me with this feeling, like I could make anything and everything, once I got the hang of it.

I have no doubt that if a genuine artisan saw glass for the first time, he or she would love to get their hands on some.

Therefore, Kaseki's reaction felt really natural to me.

**Riichiro Inagaki** is a Japanese manga writer from Tokyo. He is the writer for the sports manga series *Eyeshield 21*, which was serialized in *Weekly Shonen Jump*.



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**SENKU'S LAB**

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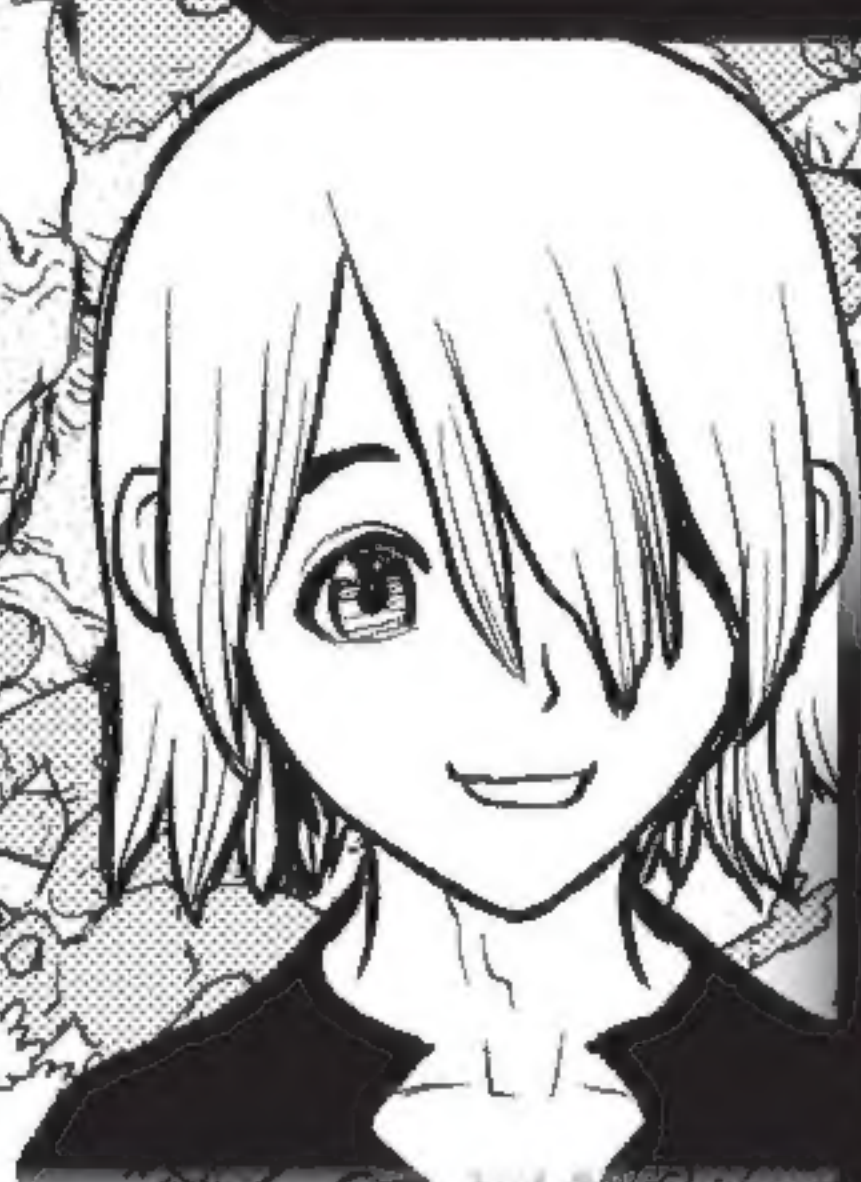


## STORY

Every human on Earth is turned to stone by a mysterious phenomenon, including high school student Taiju. Nearly 3,700 years later, Taiju awakens and finds his friend Senku, who revived a bit earlier. Together, they vow to restore civilization, but Tsukasa, once considered the strongest high schooler alive, nearly kills Senku in order to put a stop to his scientific plans. Forced to act decisively, Taiju and Senku decide to split up to fight.

After they separate, Senku runs into another human—Kohaku! But Kohaku isn't from Senku's time period. She lives in a remote village that is somehow thriving despite the petrification. When Senku learns that Kohaku's older sister and the village shamaness, Ruri, is sick, he decides to concoct a cure.

After much trial and tribulation, Senku gets his hands on the first two items they need—iron and electricity. It's on to the next step, but he'll have to keep an eye on Gen Asagiri, who might very well be a spy sent by Tsukasa!



GINKO



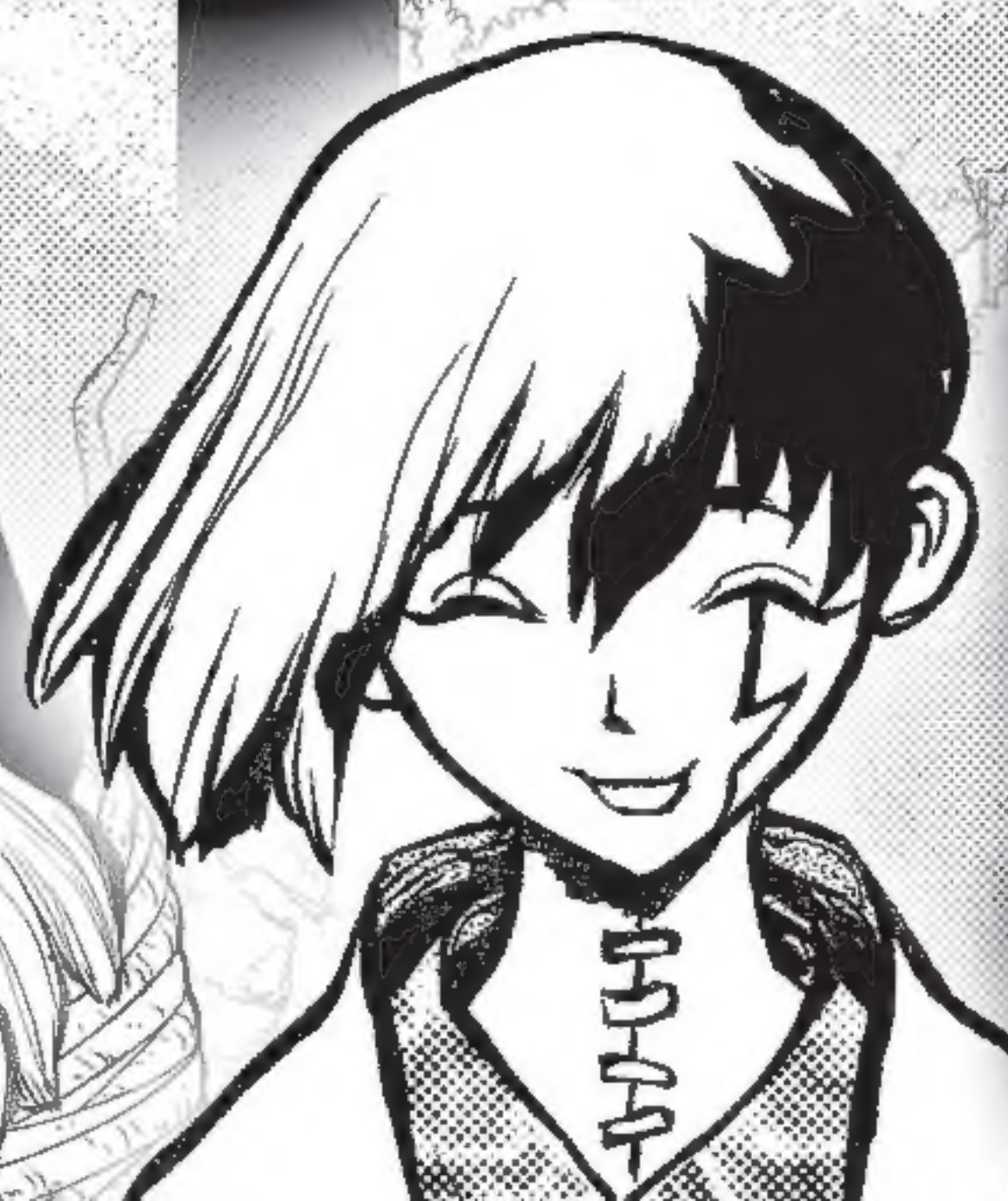
KINRO



SUKA



KASEKI



GEN ASAGIRI

# CHARACTERS



An experienced, agile warrior who's as strong as any man. She worries about her ailing sister, the village shamaness Ruri.

KOHAKU

CHROME

A clever and honest guy with more curiosity than he knows what to do with. He's gathered all manner of natural resources in an attempt to cure Ruri.

SENKU

A young man with prodigious knowledge and a passion for science. He's aiming to recruit more allies to establish a Kingdom of Science. His catchphrase is "Get excited!"



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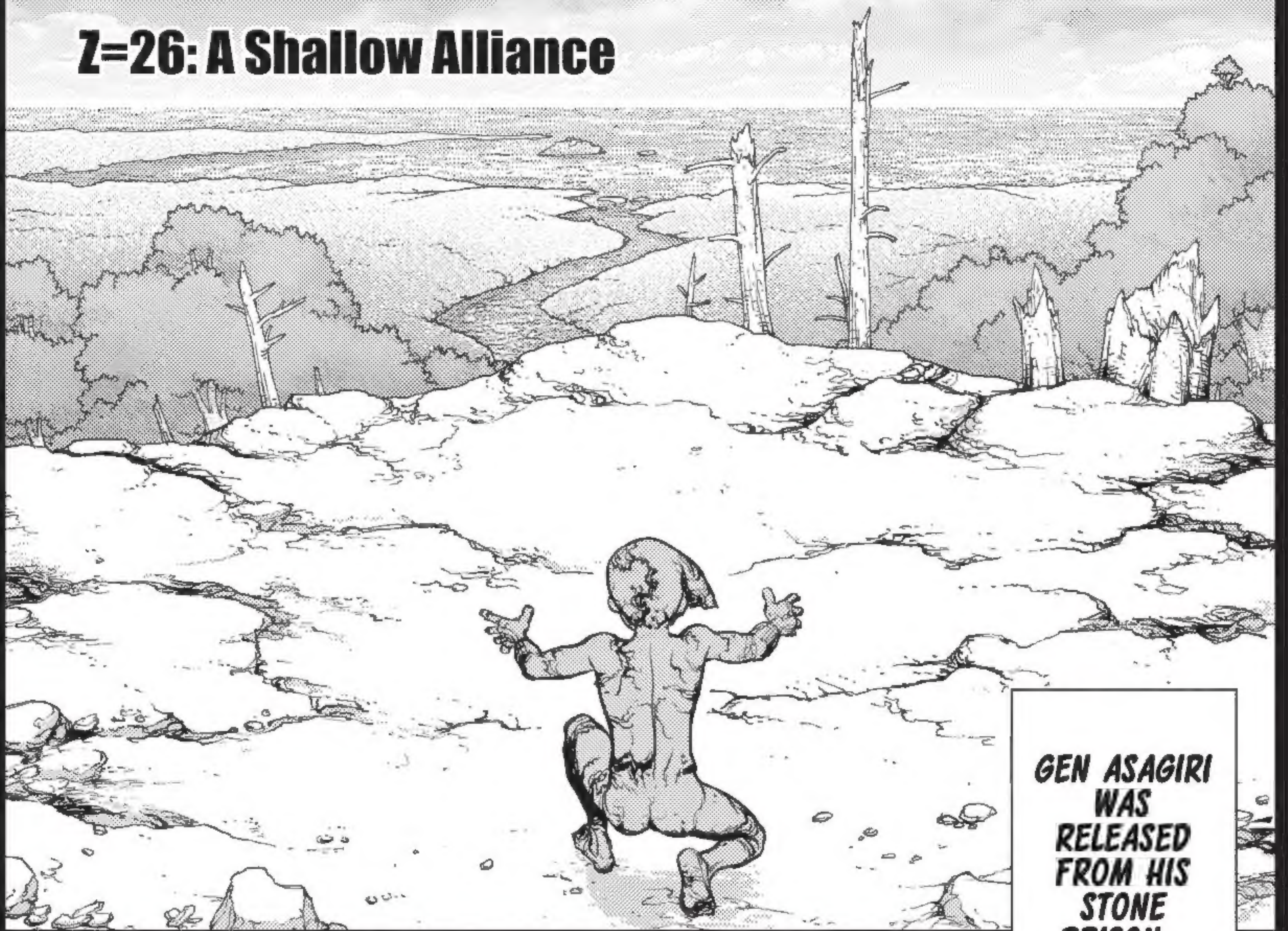
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## SENKU'S LAB

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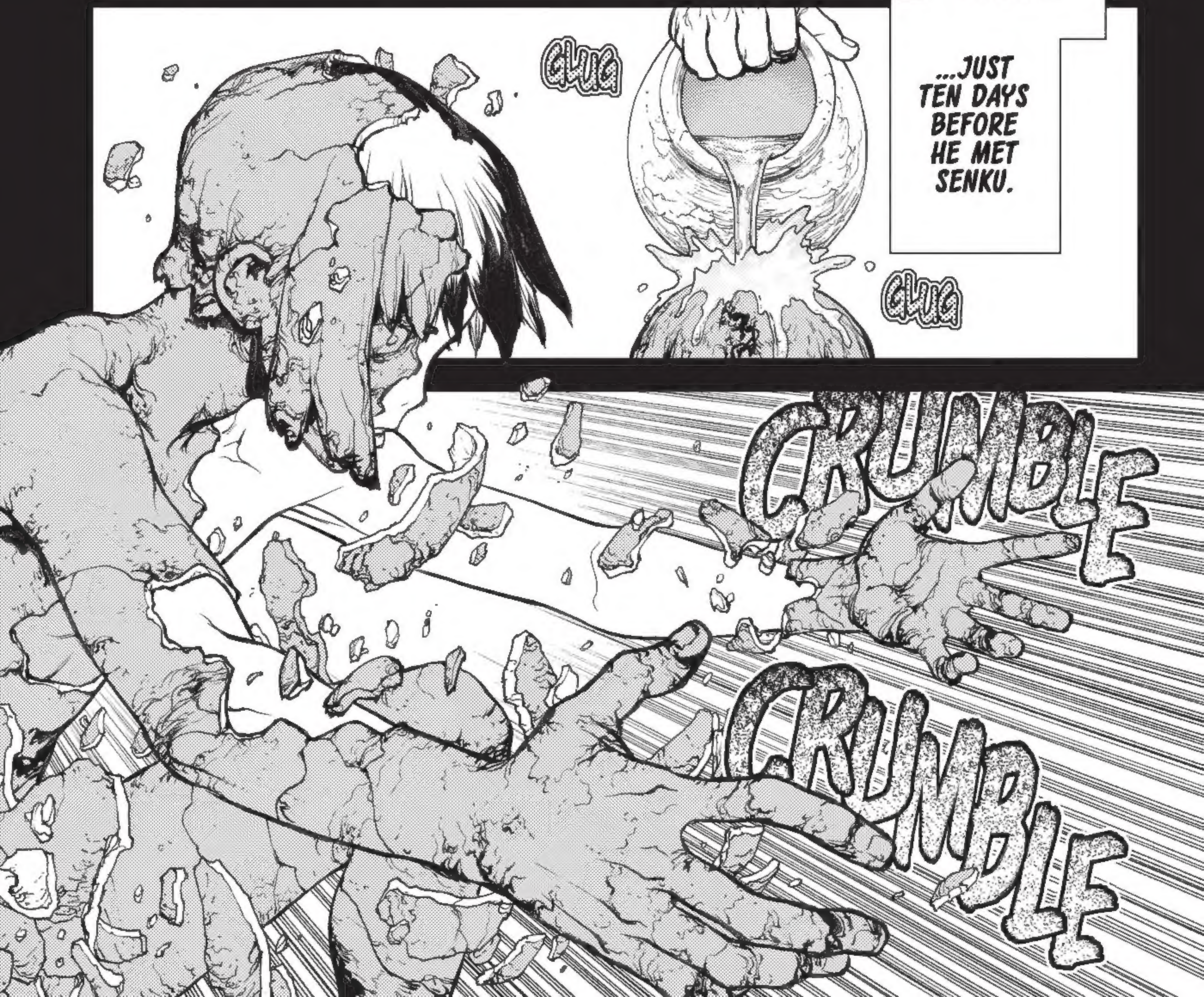


## Z=26: A Shallow Alliance



GEN ASAGIRI  
WAS  
RELEASED  
FROM HIS  
STONE  
PRISON...

...JUST  
TEN DAYS  
BEFORE  
HE MET  
SENKU.







WE DID  
THAT TV  
SPECIAL ON  
PSYCHO-  
LOGICAL  
MAGIC  
TOGETHER.

OH,  
YOU'RE...

HISTORY'S  
STRONGEST  
PRIMATE  
HIGH  
SCHOOLER...

TSUKASA...

...SHISHIO  
!!



...?!

AND MY  
MANAGER  
DIDN'T STOP  
IT? I'M A  
MENTALIST,  
SO...

IS THIS  
A HIDDEN-  
CAMERA  
SHOW?

GLANCE

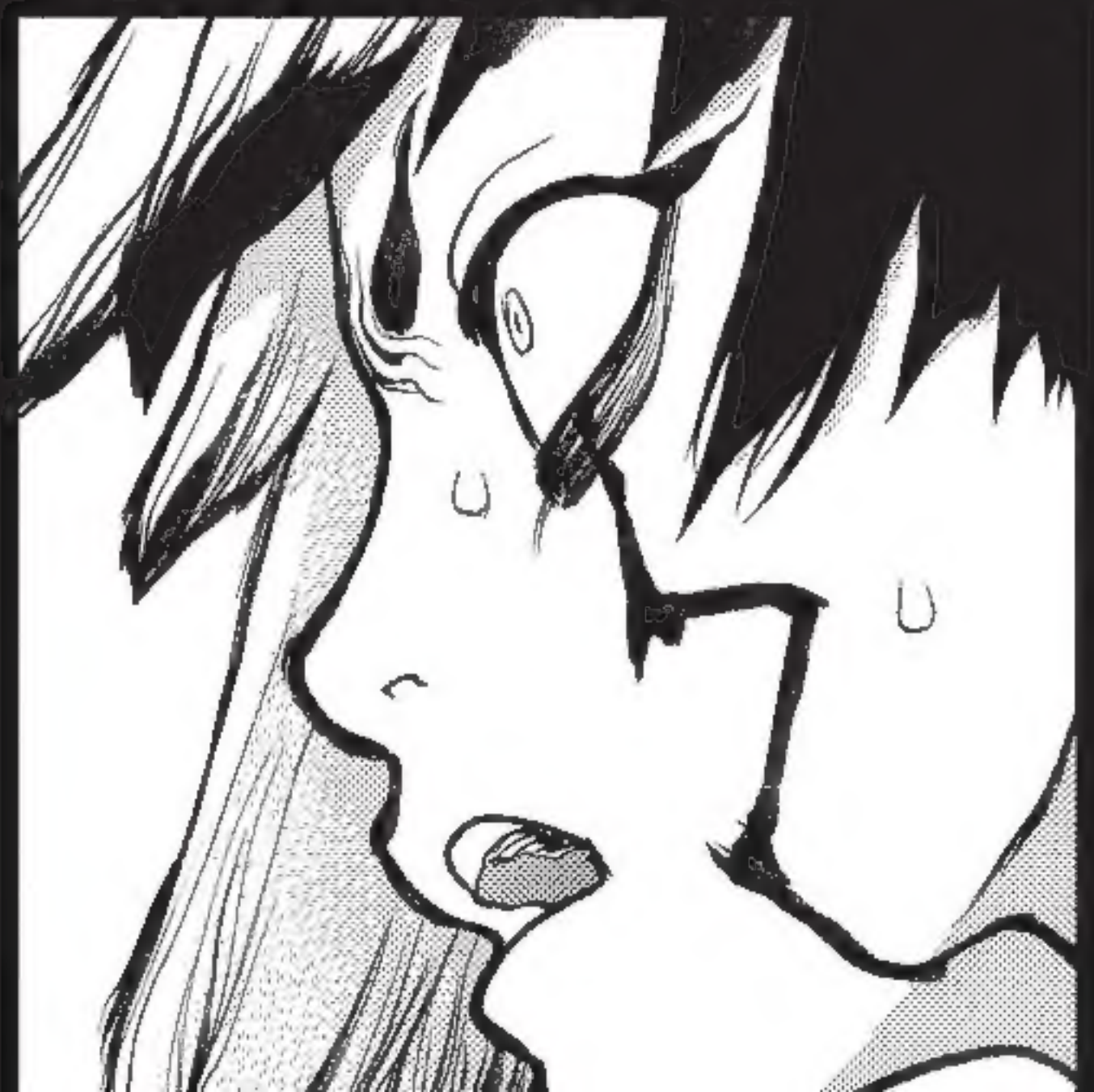
I'LL  
TAKE IT  
IN GOOD  
STRIDE  
IF THEY'RE  
JUST DOING  
THEIR JOB...

GLANCE



THIS IS  
THE YEAR  
5,739.

BUT  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
ONLY 19.



...REPRESENT  
A COLLECTION  
OF THE  
HUMANS  
MOST WORTH  
REVIVING.

YOURSELF  
INCLUDED.

THE STONE  
STATUES I'VE  
GATHERED  
HERE...









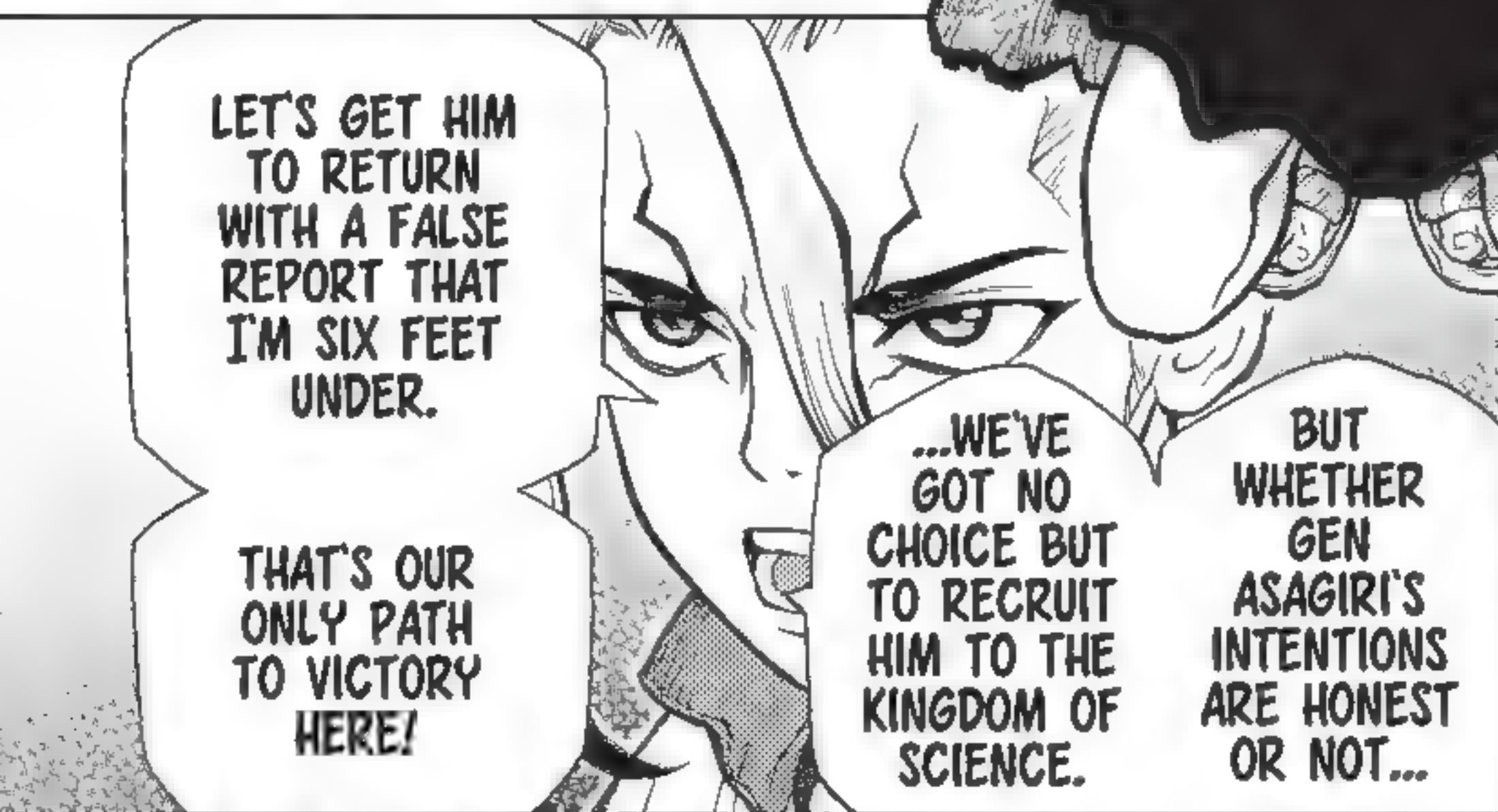




GEN IS  
ALSO  
A BAD  
GUY!!

SO THIS  
TSUKASA IS  
A REALLY  
BAD GUY?

AND GEN  
IS HIS  
FRIEND?  
THAT  
MEANS...



LET'S GET HIM  
TO RETURN  
WITH A FALSE  
REPORT THAT  
I'M SIX FEET  
UNDER.

THAT'S OUR  
ONLY PATH  
TO VICTORY  
HERE!

...WE'VE  
GOT NO  
CHOICE BUT  
TO RECRUIT  
HIM TO THE  
KINGDOM OF  
SCIENCE.

BUT  
WHETHER  
GEN  
ASAGIRI'S  
INTENTIONS  
ARE HONEST  
OR NOT...

SO HE'S  
A GOOD  
GUY?!

BUT DIDN'T  
GEN SAVE  
EVERYONE  
FROM  
MAGMA?



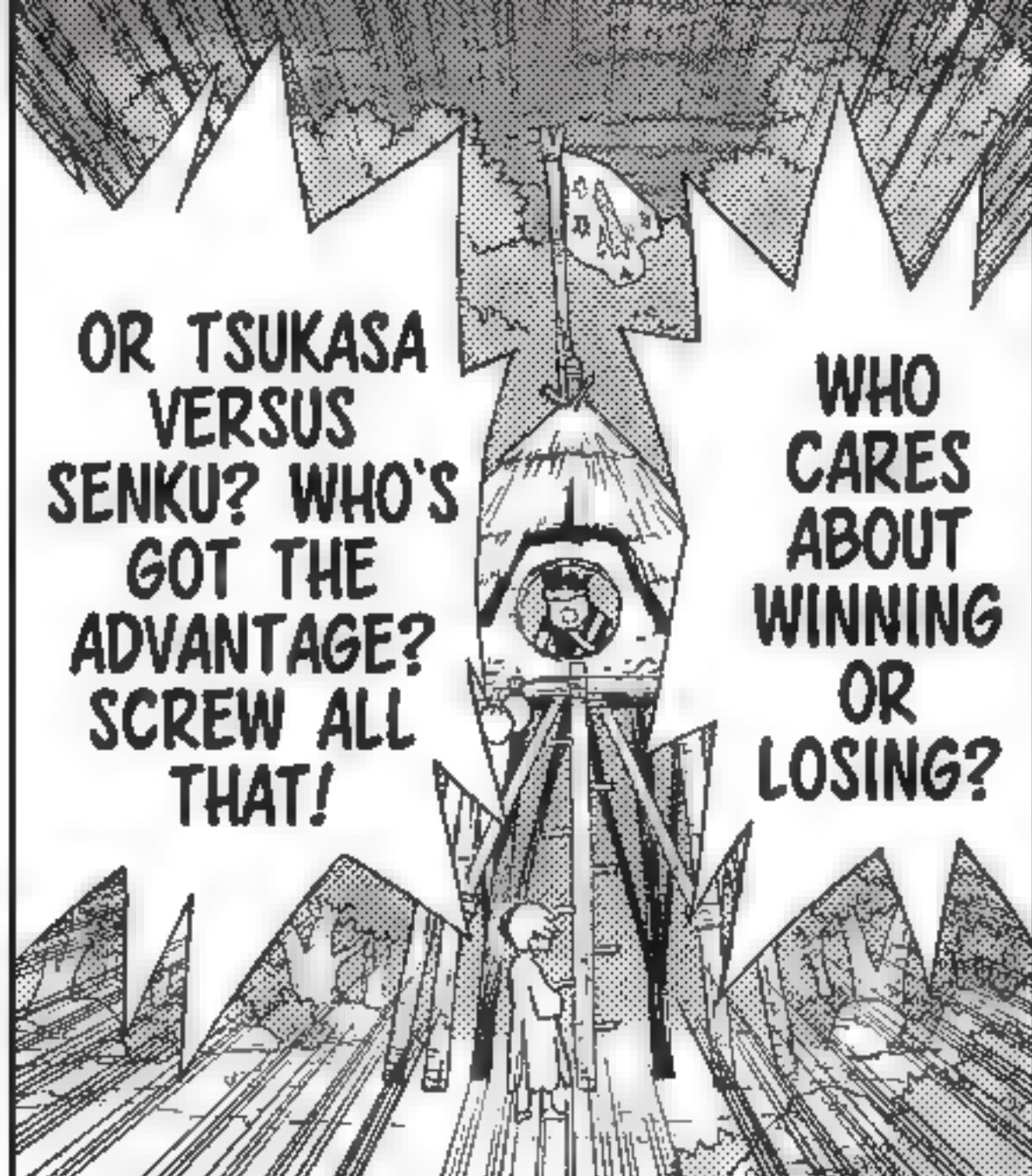
HEY.  
LISTEN  
UP,  
GEN!!



JUST A  
FICKLE  
OPPOR-  
TUNIST.

HEH HEH  
HEH...  
HE'S NOT  
EXACTLY  
GOOD  
OR BAD.





OR TSUKASA  
VERSUS  
SENKU? WHO'S  
GOT THE  
ADVANTAGE?  
SCREW ALL  
THAT!

WHO  
CARES  
ABOUT  
WINNING  
OR  
LOSING?



THE ELEC-  
TRICITY.

YOU  
SAW IT  
YOURSELF,  
RIGHT?

THAT BAAAD  
LIGHT OF  
SCIENCE!!



CLEARLY...

...IT'S THE  
KINGDOM  
OF  
SCIENCE!

WHICH  
IS MORE  
INTER-  
ESTING?!



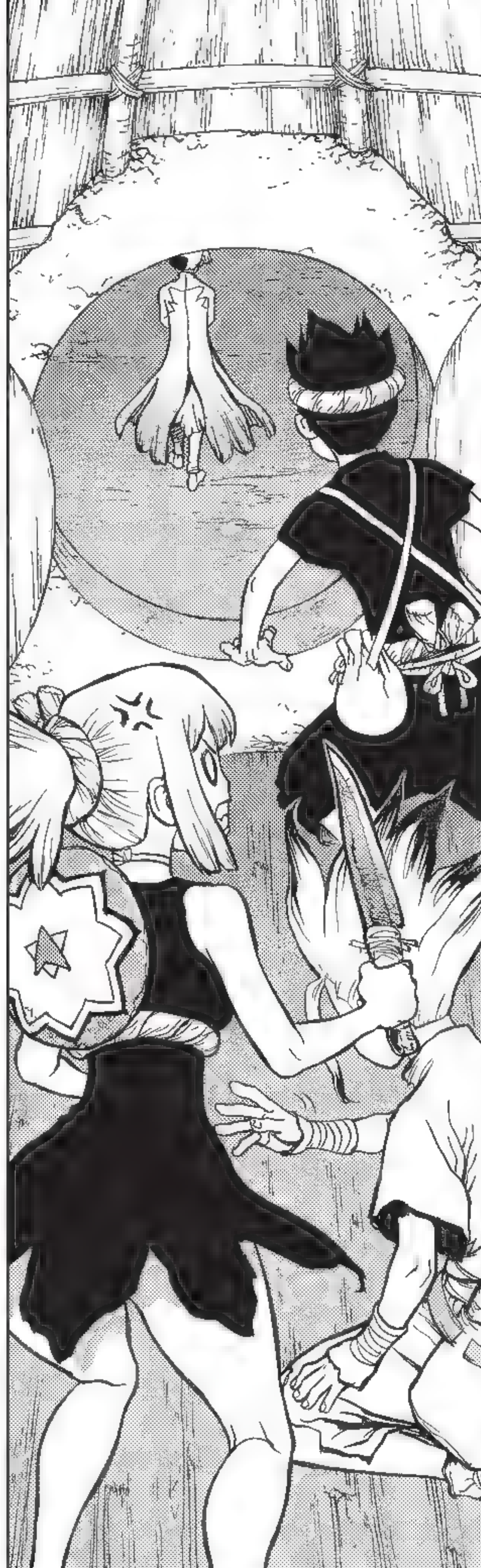
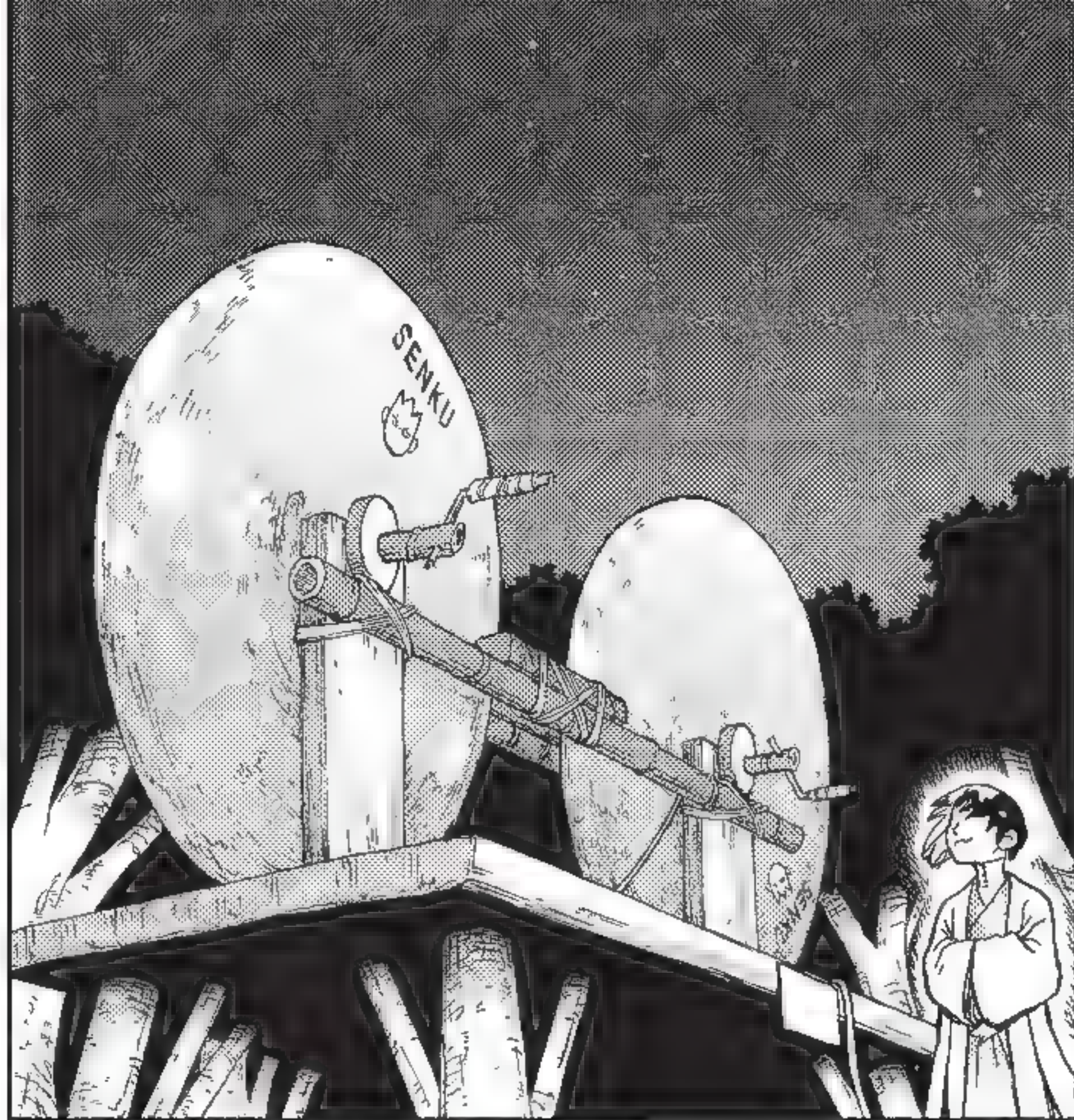
I'M THE  
WORLD'S  
SMOOTHEST  
TALKER, YOU  
SEE.

I ONLY  
HAVE EYES  
FOR WHAT  
BENEFITS  
ME.

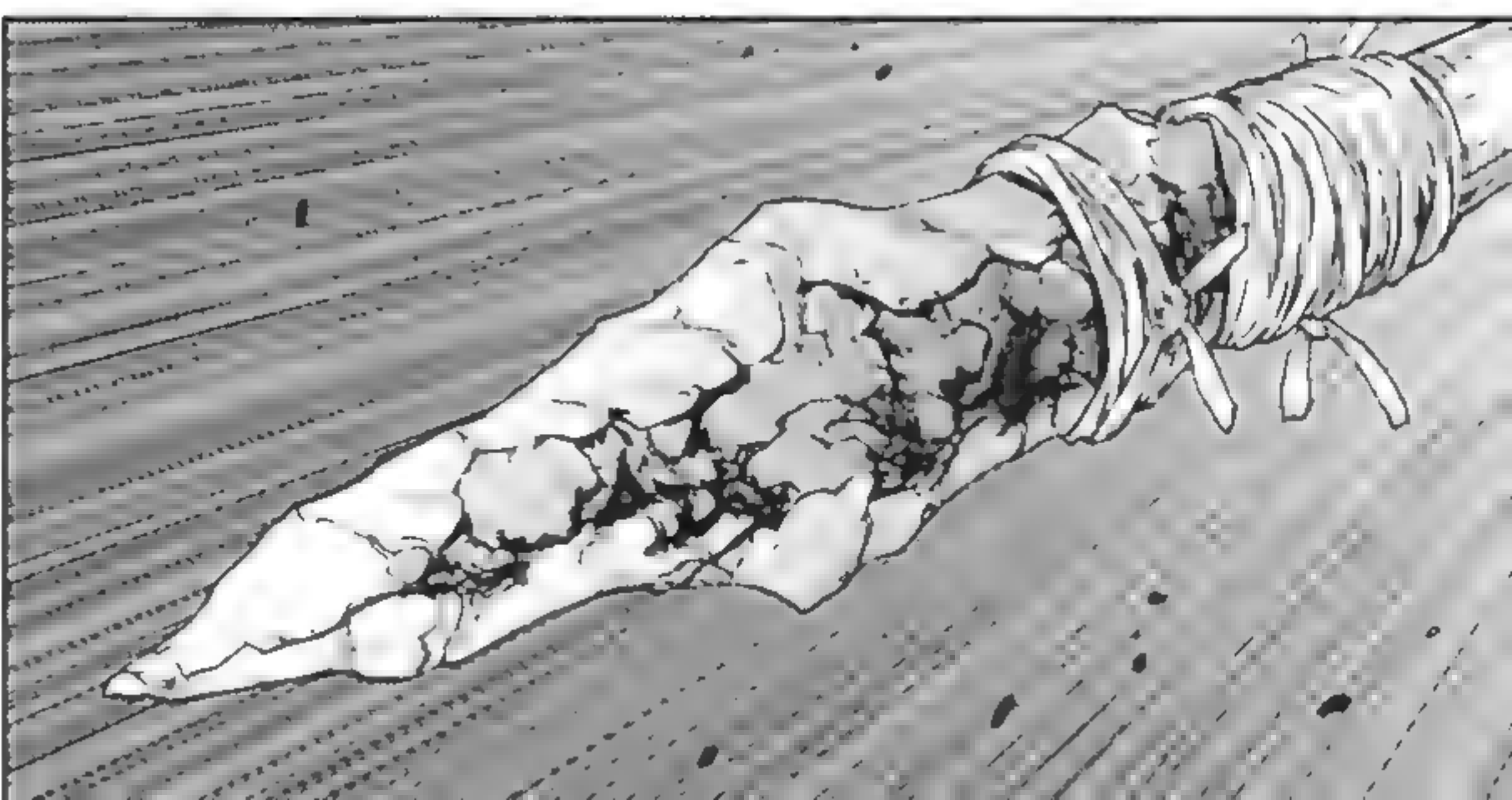
SADLY FOR  
YOU, CHROME,  
I COULDN'T  
CARE LESS  
ABOUT THAT.

AH, YOUTH.  
SUCH A HOT-  
BLOODED  
DECLARA-  
TION.

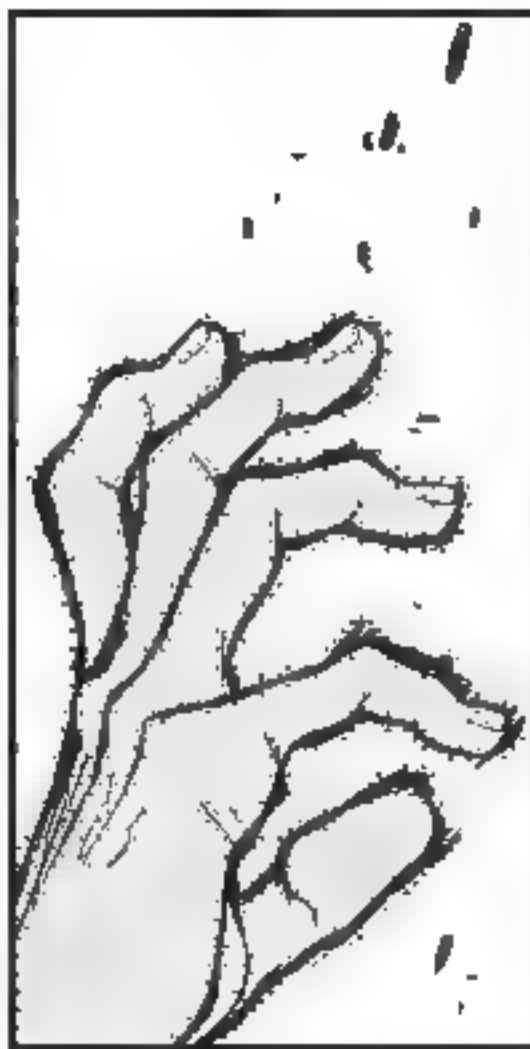




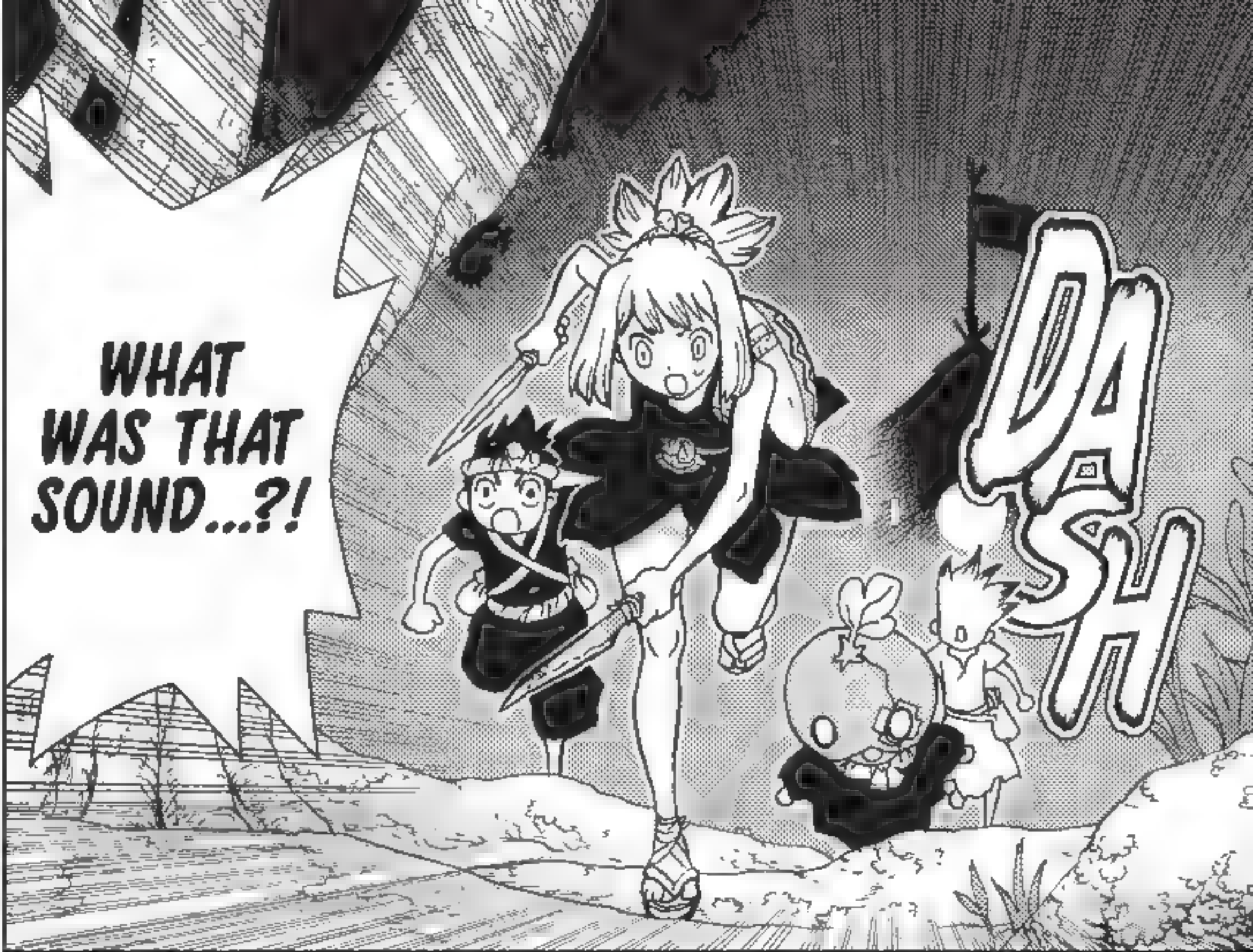












WHAT  
WAS THAT  
SOUND...?!

DA  
SH



WHO  
COULD BE  
SO COLD-  
BLOODED  
...?

NO. HE  
WAS KILLED  
INSTANTLY.

WHOA,  
YOU  
OKAY,  
GEN...?

NO,  
WAIT!







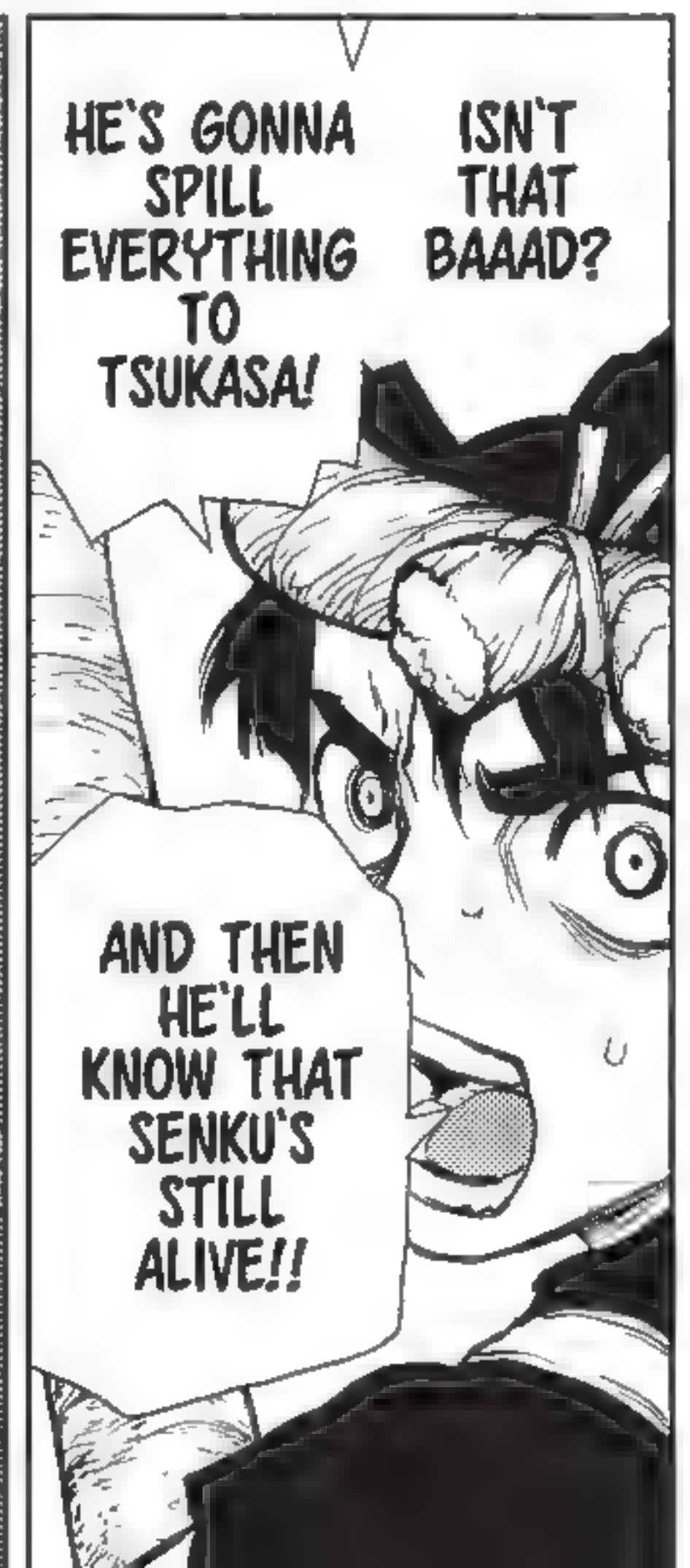
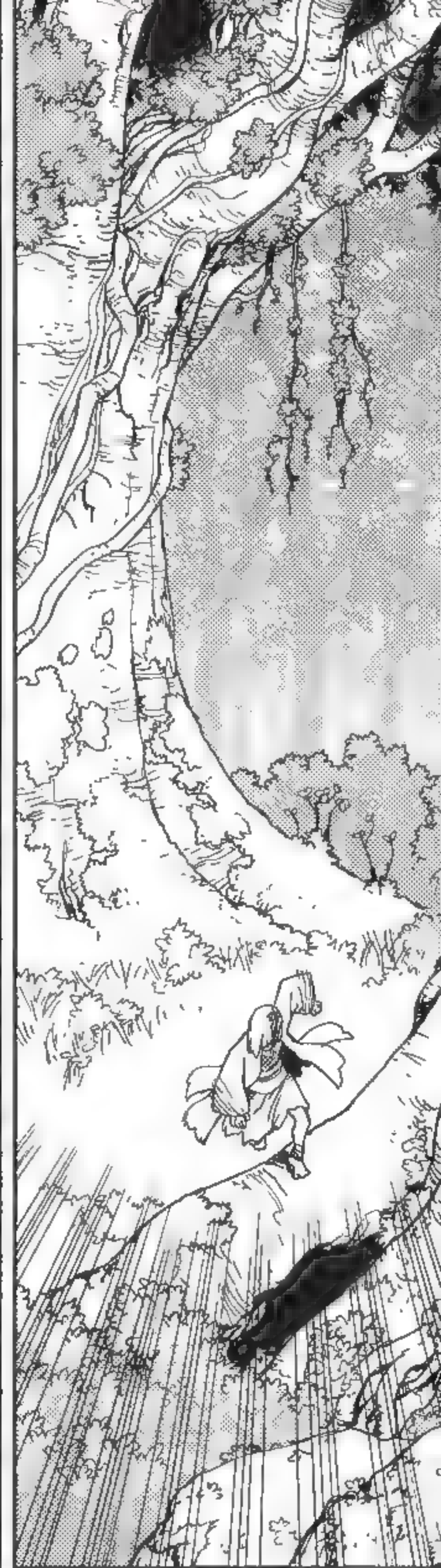












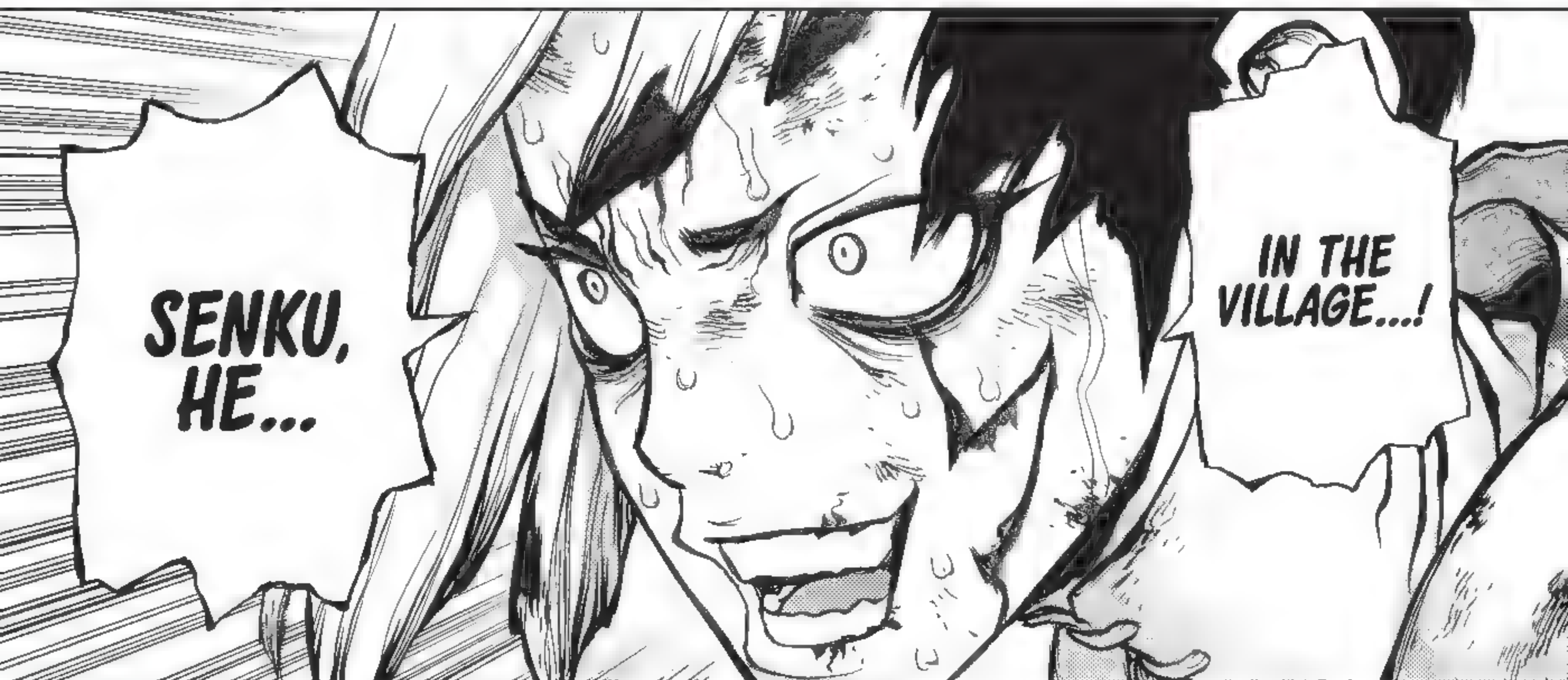




GOT IN A  
SCUFFLE WITH  
THEM AND TOOK  
SOME LICKS,  
BUT...

I  
FOUND A  
PRIMITIVE  
VILLAGE.

TSUKASA...!



SENKU,  
HE...

IN THE  
VILLAGE...!



THE MOMENT  
I CREATED  
ELECTRICITY...

...GEN  
DECIDED  
WHICH  
CAMP  
TO JOIN.

IT'S  
JUST  
THAT...



THINK ABOUT IT...  
IF GEN DIDN'T  
EVEN HAVE ONE  
MILLIMETER OF  
INTEREST IN  
SCIENCE...

...HE  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE HELPED  
US OUT FROM  
THE START.



BUZZ

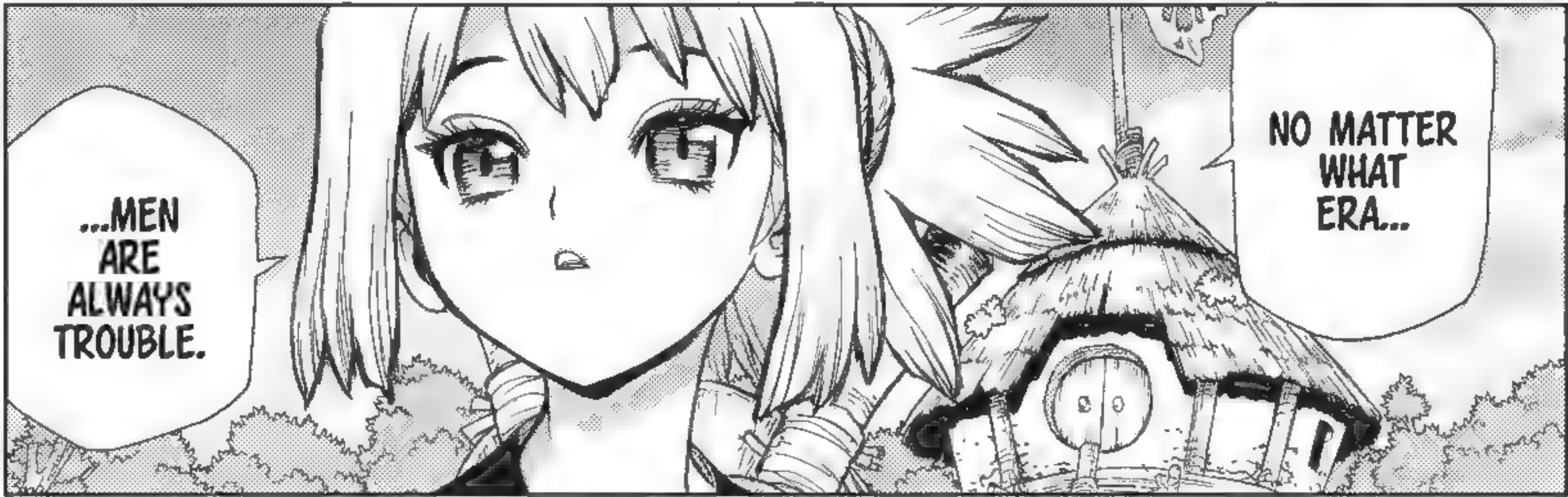
BUZZ



...HAD TO  
PUT ON A  
GOOD SHOW  
FOR US.



A  
GUY AS  
FICKLE  
AS  
THAT...



...MEN  
ARE  
ALWAYS  
TROUBLE.

NO MATTER  
WHAT  
ERA...



MAKES A  
MAN THIRSTY.  
WHAT I  
WOULDN'T  
GIVE FOR A  
COLA RIGHT  
NOW.



...COULD  
YOU MAKE  
SOME,  
SENKU?

IN THIS  
STONE  
WORLD...









**SENKU...**

**I SAW  
NEITHER  
HIDE NOR  
HAIR OF  
HIM.**

**HE'S  
DEAD.  
SURELY  
AND  
TRULY!**






THE  
KINGDOM  
OF SCIENCE  
CLAIMS  
VICTORY!

HAH! IN THIS  
FIRST BATTLE  
BETWEEN THE  
TSUKASA EMPIRE  
AND THE  
KINGDOM OF  
SCIENCE...

IN THE WAR TO  
WIN OVER GEN  
ASAGIRI...



HEH HEH  
HEH... THAT'S  
JUST HOW IT  
IS, THOUGH.

A BOTTLE  
OF COLA  
CLINCHED  
IT.

THE WORLD'S  
SHALLOWEST  
ALLIANCE.

SCIENCE'LL  
BE JUST  
THE THING  
TO GET  
SOME  
MADE!!





I'M  
TURNING TO  
STONE NOW,  
OF ALL  
TIMES?!

KRIK KRIK

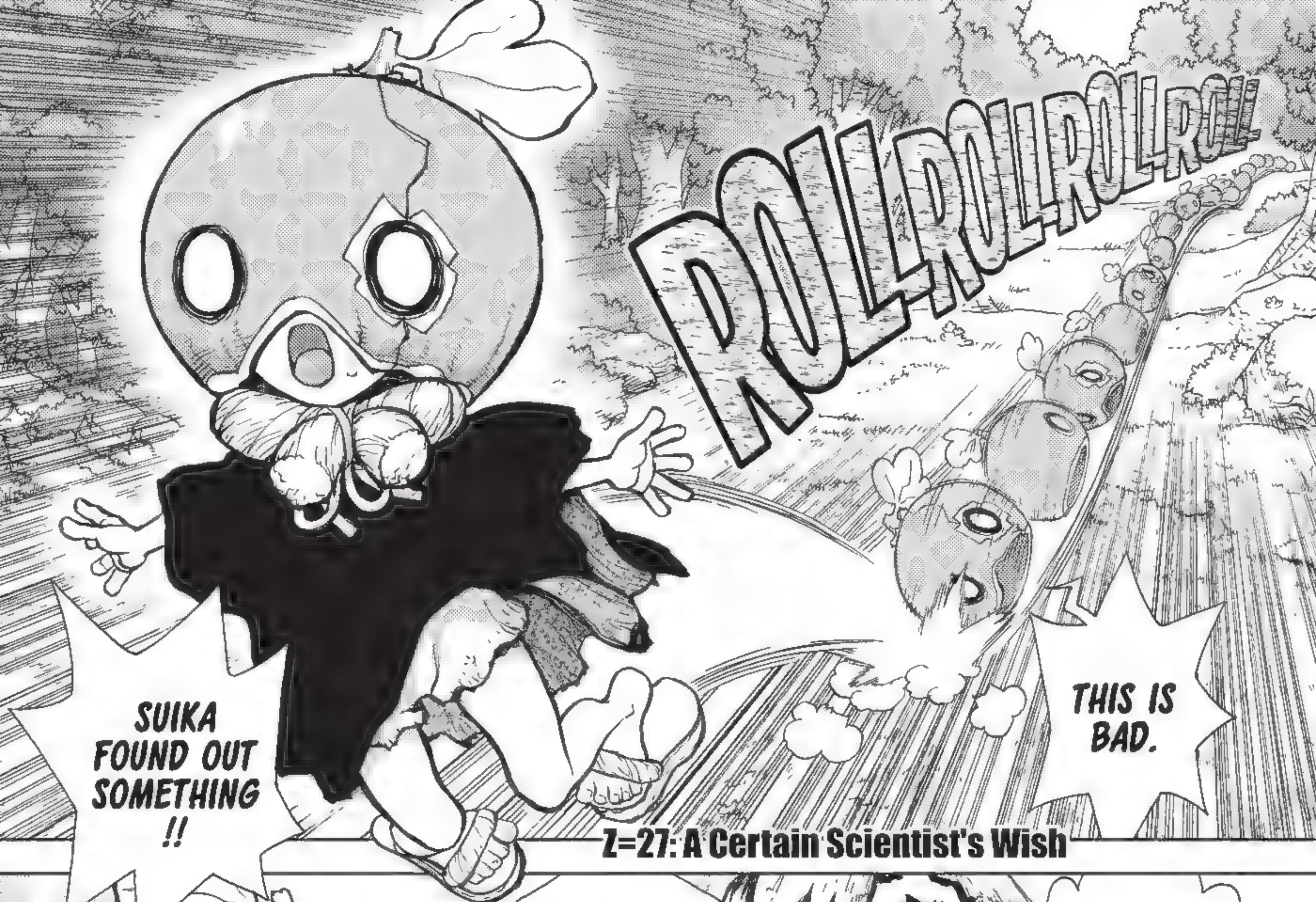
TA-DAHH!  
I'VE  
ESCAPED  
UNHARMED!

(FLIP  
BACK TO THE  
FIRST PAGE  
AND CHECK  
THE POSE!)



HANG ON...  
MY BODY!  
CAN'T  
MOVE...





**SUIKA  
FOUND OUT  
SOMETHING  
!!**

**THIS IS  
BAD.**

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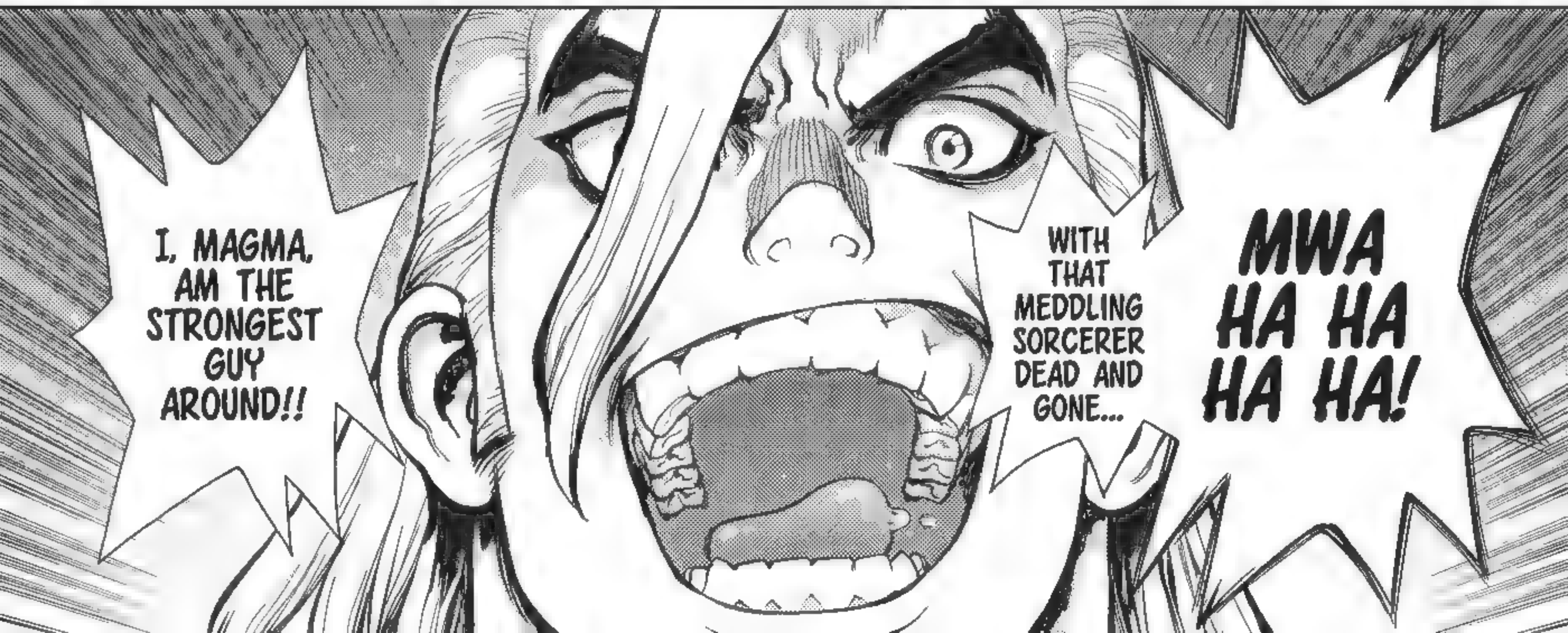


**THE  
PERSON  
WHO TRIED  
TO MURDER  
GEN  
ASAGIRI.**

**SUIKA  
KNOWS WHO  
IT IS....!!**

**SO WHAT  
DIDJA FIND  
OUT? TRY  
LEADING WITH  
THAT.**

**OOH, GREAT  
DETECTIVE  
SUIKA'S  
BEEN HARD  
AT WORK,  
HUH?**



**I, MAGMA,  
AM THE  
STRONGEST  
GUY  
AROUND!!**

**WITH  
THAT  
MEDDLING  
SORCERER  
DEAD AND  
GONE...**

**MWA  
HA HA  
HA HA!**



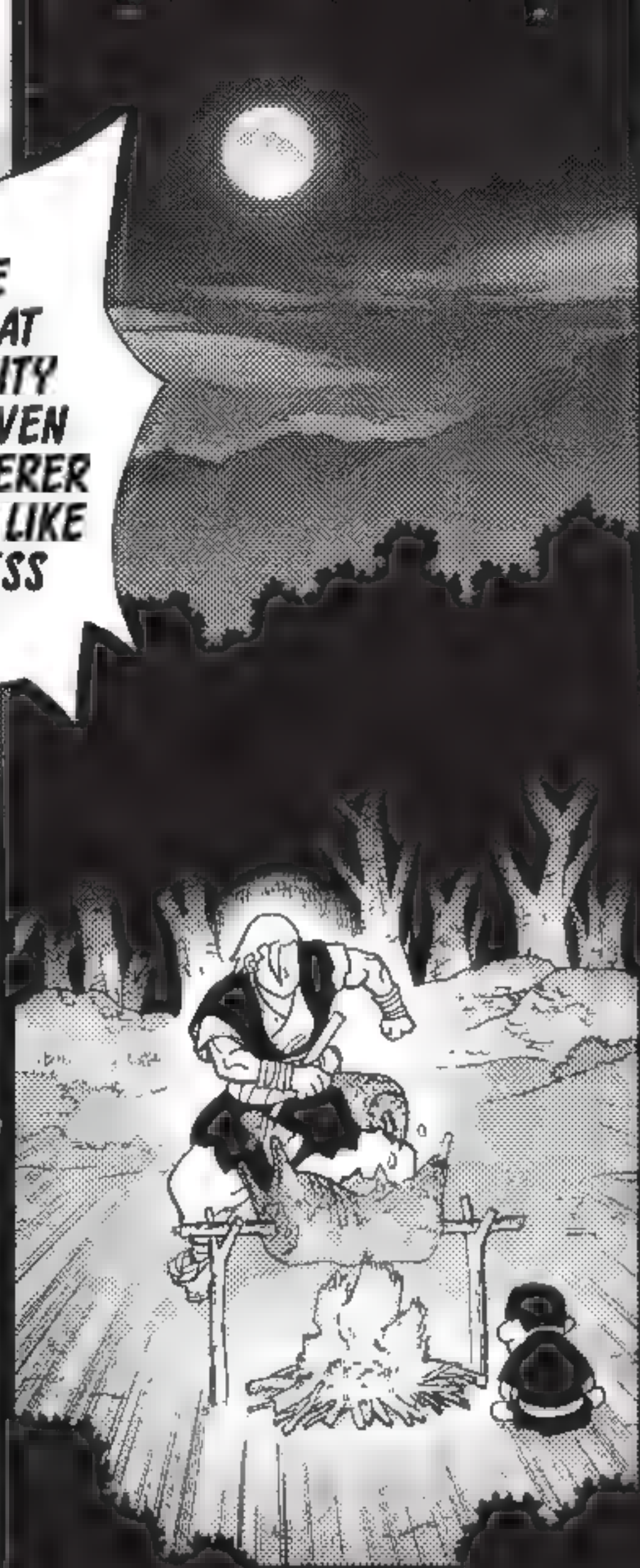


**Z=27: A Certain Scientist's Wish**





BEFORE  
THE GREAT  
AND MIGHTY  
MAGMA, EVEN  
THAT SORCERER  
CRUMPLED LIKE  
A HELPLESS  
BABY!



KOHAKU'S  
JUST  
ANOTHER  
DEFENSELESS  
GIRL.

HMPH! BUT  
WITHOUT ANY  
MAGICAL  
HELP  
FROM HER  
SORCERER  
FRIEND...

IT WOULD  
BEEN BETTER  
TO JUST  
KILL KOHAKU  
HERSELF.

BUT THAT  
GIRL'S  
GOT ZERO  
OPENINGS.

TRUE  
ENOUGH.

YEP.

Not true.  
I'm a  
normal  
woman.

YEP, HER  
POWER MUST  
COME FROM  
SORCERY, NO  
DOUBT.

KOHAKU'S JUST  
FREAKISHLY  
STRONG!

More like  
a normal  
gorilla.





SUIKA  
JUST  
HEARD...

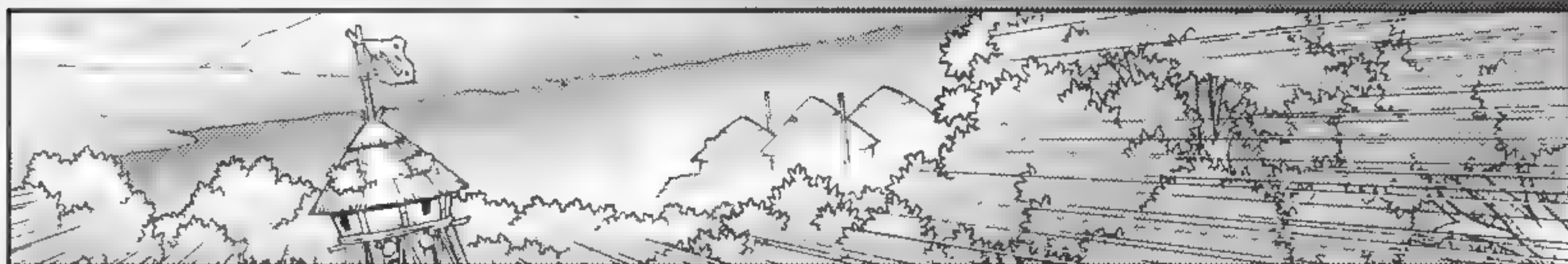
...A  
REALLY  
BAD  
THING!

WOW!  
THEN THE  
MIGHTY  
MAGMA  
WILL HAVE  
BOTH  
SISTERS?

WHAT  
A LUCKY  
GUY  
YOU'LL  
BE!

MWA HA  
HA! MAYBE  
IF SHE  
GETS ON  
HER KNEES  
AND BEGS...

...I'LL LET  
HER JOIN  
HER SISTER  
AND BECOME  
ONE OF MY  
WOMEN!



SO MAGMA  
MUST HAVE  
ASSUMED...

...THAT GEN WAS  
THE RUMORED  
SORCERER I  
BROUGHT TO  
THE VILLAGE!

RIGHT.  
GEN  
ASAGIRI...

...MADE THOSE  
FLOWERS  
VANISH FOR  
MAGMA AND  
HIS GANG.









A FEW MONTHS AGO...

...TURNED 18 YEARS OLD.

THE SHAMANESS, MY BIG SISTER RURI...



WHOEVER WINS THE GRAND BOUT...

...WINS HER HAND AND BECOMES THE NEW CHIEF.



THAT'S HOW MY FATHER BECAME CHIEF, YEARS AGO.

YEAHHH!



Y E

FOR A LONG TIME NOW, ONCE PER GENERATION...

...WE'VE HELD THE GRAND BOUT MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT.

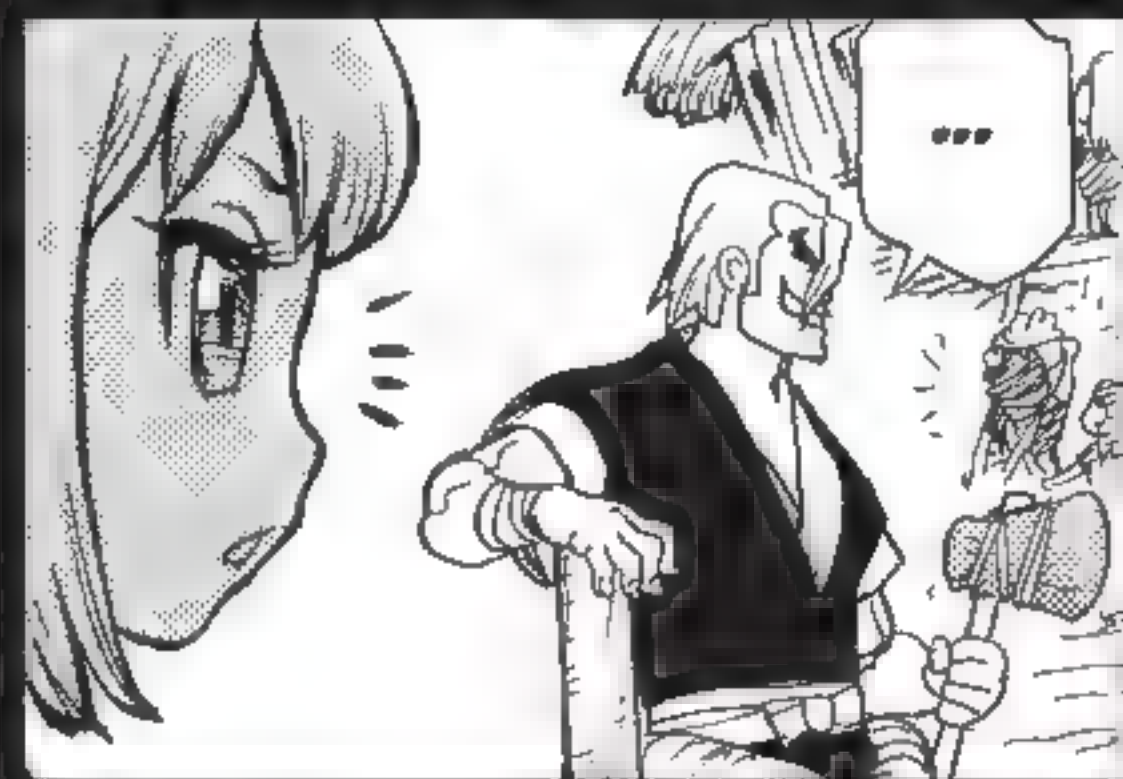
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H

SO THAT EXPLAINS THE FIGHTING RING ON THE FARTHEST ISLAND!

H H H H H











...OF  
THE GRAND  
BOUT'S FINAL  
ROUND IS...

AND THE  
WINNER...



THIS MUST  
BE THE  
ONLY  
REASON...

KOHAKU.  
THIS  
GIRL...

...SHE  
JOINED  
THE  
GRAND  
BOUT...!!

MAGMA.  
YOU'RE THE  
LAST SORT  
OF MAN...

...I'D EVER  
HAND OVER  
BIG SIS  
RURI TO...!



BUNNY

GREAT.

WHO'S GOING  
TO MARRY  
LADY RURI  
NOW?



**...WENT  
AND  
KILLED  
GEN!  
SO  
THAT'S  
WHY  
MAGMA  
...**

Well, he's still  
alive, but...

**HAVING  
A CHIEF LIKE  
HIM WOULD  
BE BAAAD  
NEWS FOR  
EVERYONE!!**

**SO  
THERE'LL BE  
ANOTHER  
GRAND  
BOUT, OF  
COURSE.  
IT'S  
SCHEDULED  
FOR NEXT  
MONTH,  
IN FACT.**

**HEH HEH  
HEH...  
SO THAT'S  
WHY YOUR  
DAD DIS-  
INHERITED  
YOU?**

**SHE'S ALWAYS  
BEEN A  
WILD CHILD.  
TOO MUCH  
TO HANDLE,  
Y'KNOW.**

**NO, I MEAN,  
THAT WAS  
THE LAST  
STRAW, I  
SUPPOSE...**

**HAH!  
THIS COULD  
ACTUALLY  
BE OUR  
CHANCE,  
THOUGH.**

**...HE  
COULD  
MARRY  
RURI AND  
BECOME  
CHIEF.**

**IF A  
MEMBER  
OF YOUR  
KINGDOM  
DEFEATS  
MAGMA...**

**THAT  
WOULD  
SOLVE  
ALL OUR  
PROBLEMS.**

**IT WOULD  
MEAN MORE  
CITIZENS  
FOR THE  
KINGDOM...**

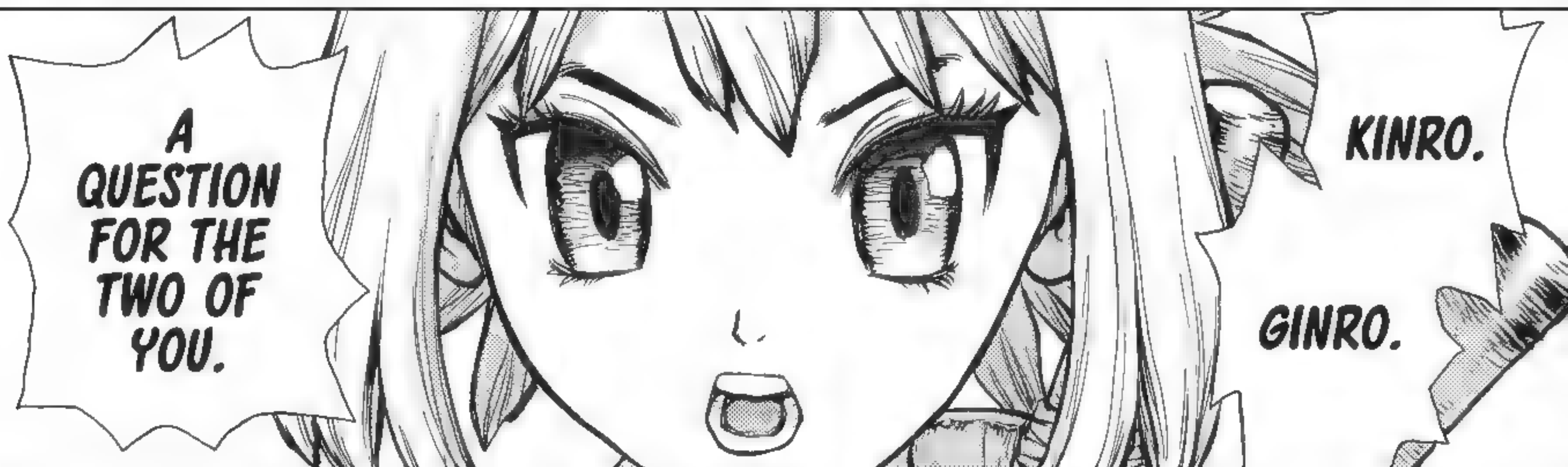
**...AND  
NOTHING IN  
THE WAY OF  
CURING MY  
SISTER!**

**IF  
MAGMA  
BECOMES  
YOUR NEW  
CHIEF...**

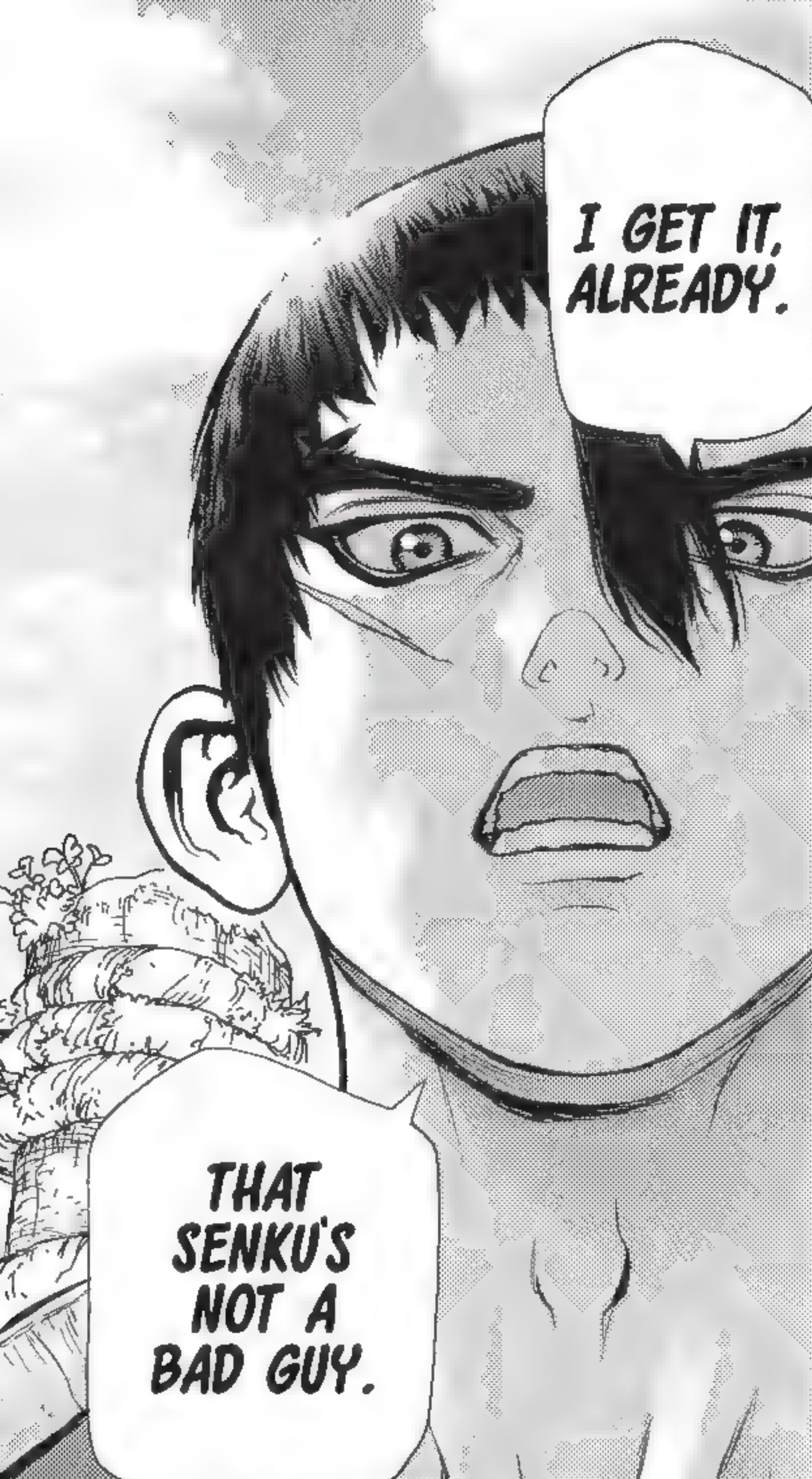
**...FINISHING  
THE PANACEA  
FOR RURI  
COULD BE A  
CHALLENGE.**

**NOT TO  
MENTION  
RECRUITING  
THE VILLAGERS  
INTO THE  
KINGDOM OF  
SCIENCE.**









**I GET IT,  
ALREADY.**

**THAT  
SENKU'S  
NOT A  
BAD GUY.**



**SO  
JUST SKIP  
THE DETAILS  
LIKE ALWAYS  
AND TELL US.  
WHAT'S OUR  
GOAL?!**



**MY  
ANSWER  
IS  
SIMPLE!**

**RULES  
ARE  
RULES.**

**"GUARDS  
DON'T  
ENGAGE  
IN DISCUS-  
SION."**

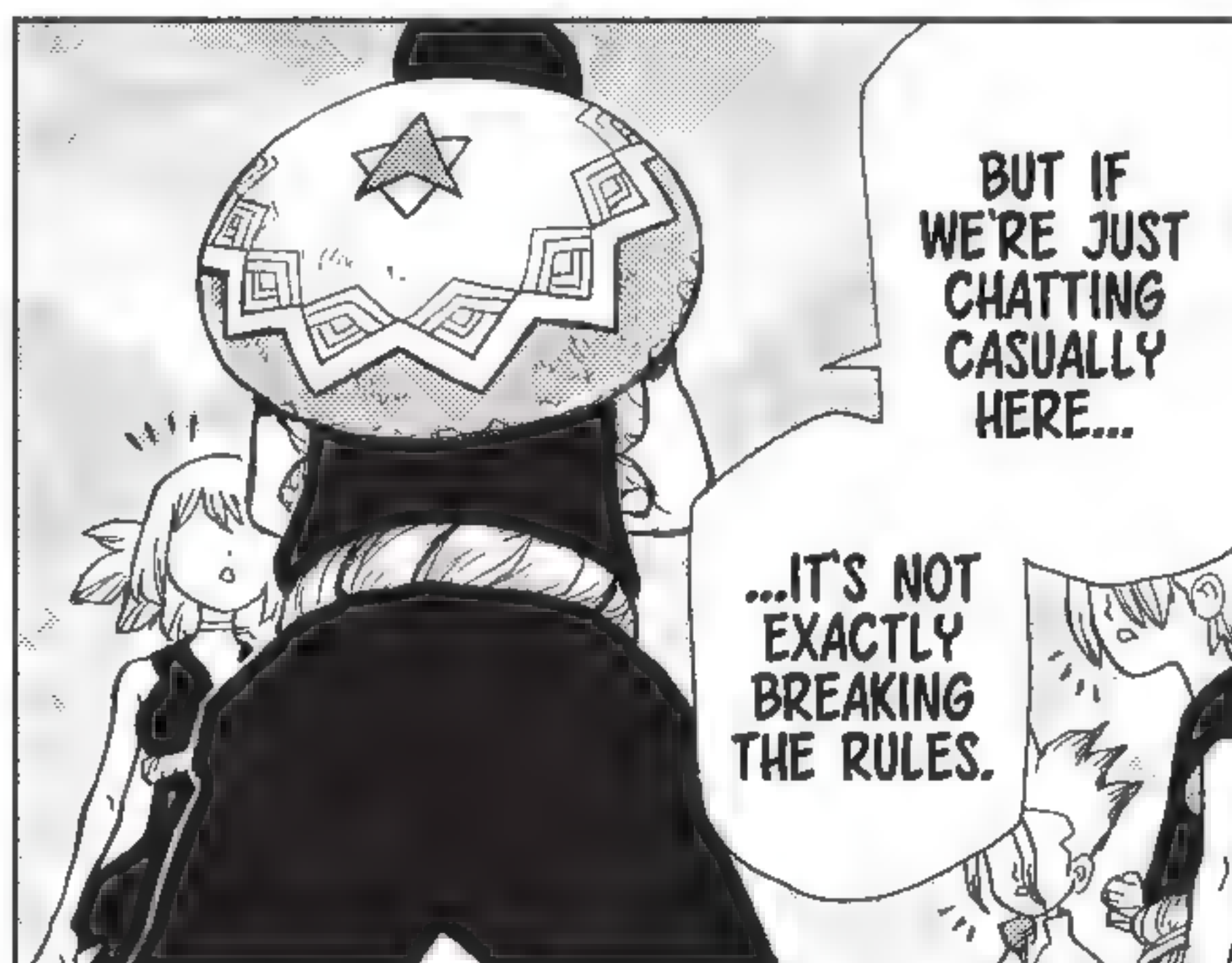


**OR ARE  
WOMEN'S  
LOOKS ALL  
YOU'RE  
CONCERNED  
WITH? YOU  
DISGUST ME,  
GINRO.**

**SHE'S MORE  
THAN JUST  
A FACE.**

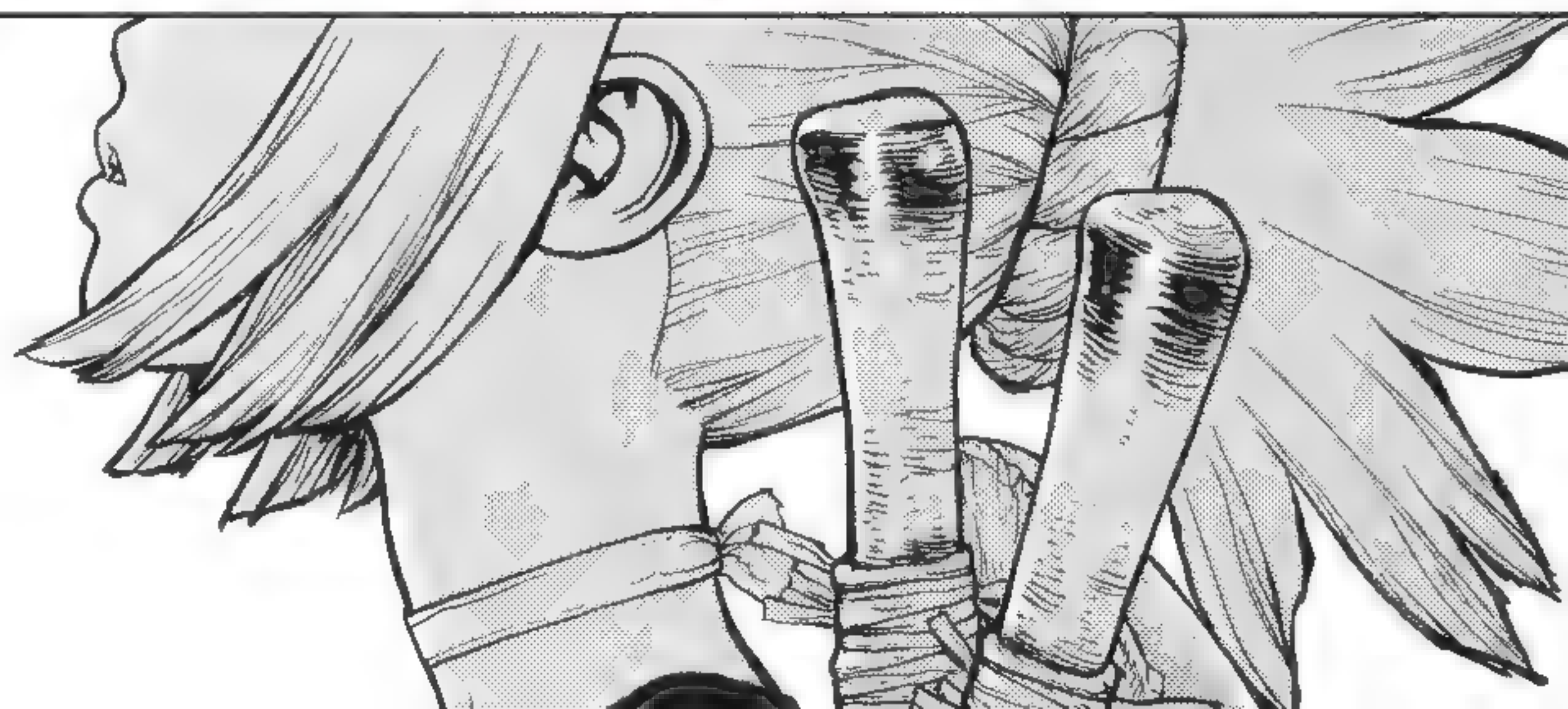
**I ALSO  
MENTIONED  
HER BOOBS...  
I MEAN, HER  
LADYLIKE  
REFINEMENT.**

**WHAT  
THE  
HECK?!**

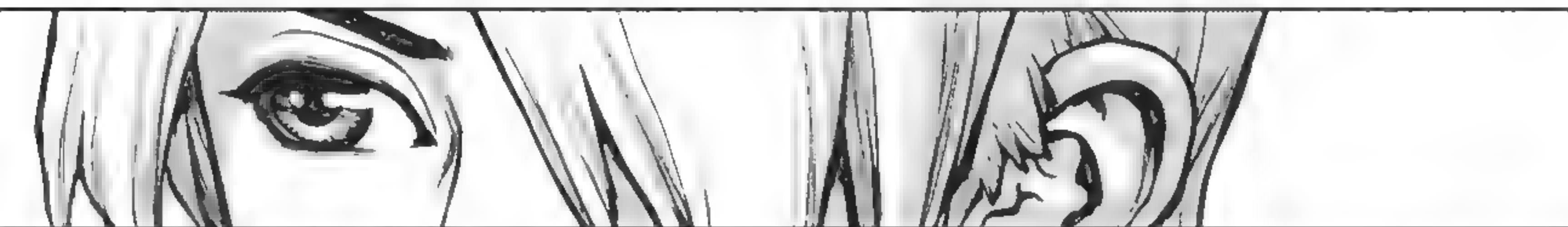


**BUT IF  
WE'RE JUST  
CHATTING  
CASUALLY  
HERE...**

**...IT'S NOT  
EXACTLY  
BREAKING  
THE RULES.**











YOU REALLY  
THINK YOU  
CAN DEFEAT  
MAGMA LIKE  
THAT?

TOO  
SHALLOW  
!!



BUT THE ONLY  
ONES WITH  
A CHANCE  
OF BEATING  
MAGMA ARE  
KINRO AND  
GINRO.

I'M  
SORRY.

THE  
TRUTH IS,  
CHROME...

I'D LIKE TO  
TRAIN YOU  
MORE THAN  
ANYONE.



KLANG  
KLANG



YOU NEVER  
CHANGE...  
ALWAYS  
SPEAKING  
YOUR MIND...

YOU'RE HEAD  
OVER HEELS FOR  
RURI, RIGHT,  
CHROME?

SO I BET  
YOU AIN'T ON  
BOARD WITH THE  
PLAN TO HAVE  
KINRO OR GINRO  
MARRY HER!

JUST  
LEMMIE  
HANDLE  
IT, RURI!!

I WON'T  
EVEN LIVE  
LONG  
ENOUGH TO  
GROW UP.

CHROME.  
THEY SAY  
I CAN'T  
BE CURED.





UNTIL  
I FIND  
OUT HOW  
TO CURE  
YOU...!!

I'LL  
SEARCH AND  
SEARCH AS  
LONG AS  
IT TAKES.

IT'S NOT A  
PROBLEM AT  
ALL...



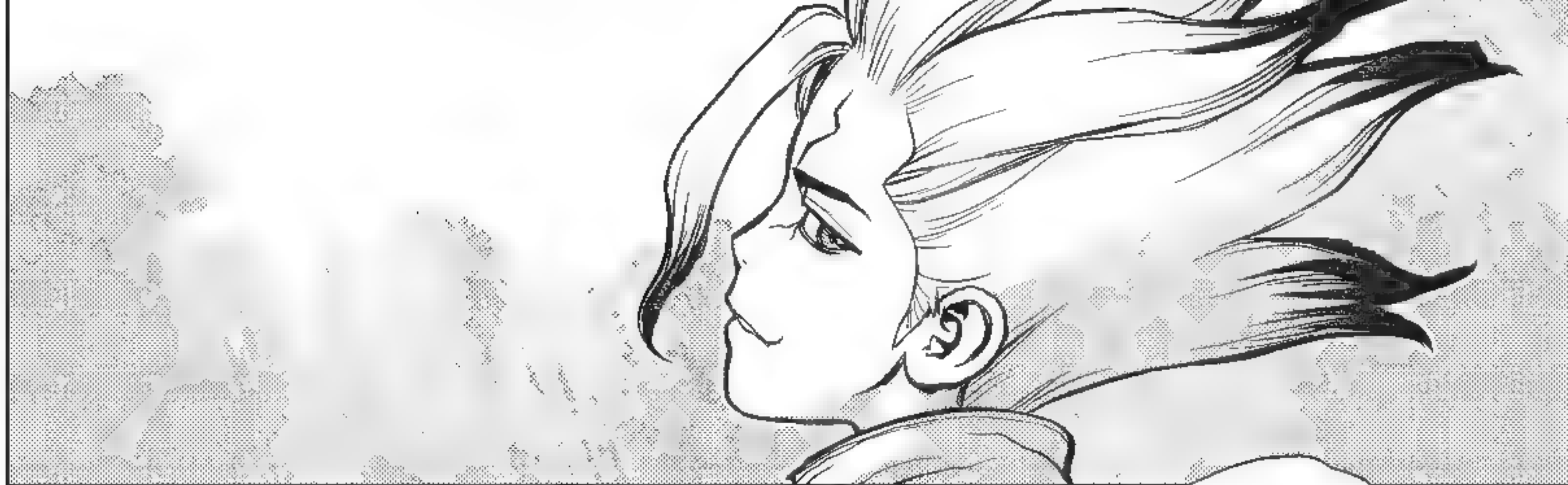
IF THIS  
SCIENTIFIC  
PANACEA  
CAN CURE  
RURI...

IF SHE  
CAN LIVE  
ON HAPPILY,  
THAT'S GOOD  
ENOUGH  
FOR ME.

BECAUSE  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE...

...I'M  
A GENIUS  
SCIENTIST  
!!





MEANWHILE,  
OUR SCIENCE  
SQUAD CAN  
KEEP WORKING  
TOWARD  
SULFONAMIDES.

WE'LL LEAVE  
THE GRAND  
BOUT STUFF  
TO OUR  
BATTLE  
TEAM.

HEH HEH  
HEH... SO  
YOU'VE  
CHANGED  
JOBS...

...FROM  
SORCERER  
TO  
SCIENTIST?

OOH,  
WHAT'RE  
WE GONNA  
MAKE  
NEXT WITH  
SCIENCE?!

YUP. NOT A  
SORCERER  
ANYMORE.



WE CALL  
IT...

IN THE  
HISTORY OF  
HUMANKIND...

...THIS WAS  
THE FIRST  
SYNTHETIC  
COMPOUND.

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
JUST AS  
CRITICAL  
AS IRON.

IF WE'RE  
TALKING  
BUILDING  
BLOCKS OF  
CIVILIZA-  
TION...





NOW THAT WE'VE GOT ELECTRICITY, ISN'T THE PLAN TO COOK UP ALL SORTS OF MEDICINE?

OOH, WHAT THE HECK'S THAT?

SURE IS.

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SURE IS.



BUT ON  
THE PATH  
TO SULFO-  
NAMIDES...

ALL THE  
EARTHENWARE  
IN THE WORLD  
WON'T CUT IT FOR  
THE CHEMISTRY  
EXPERIMENTS IN  
STORE FOR US.




BUT ON  
THE PATH  
TO SULFO-  
NAMIDES...

ALL THE  
EARTHENWARE  
IN THE WORLD  
WON'T CUT IT FOR  
THE CHEMISTRY  
EXPERIMENTS IN  
STORE FOR US.


IT'S WHERE  
CHEMISTRY  
REALLY  
BEGINS!!

GLASS CAN  
STAND UP  
TO MOST  
CHEMICALS.



IT'S WHERE  
CHEMISTRY  
REALLY  
BEGINS!!

GLASS CAN  
STAND UP  
TO MOST  
CHEMICALS.



OOH, WHAT THE HECK'S THAT?

AGCT

TAT

SCIEN

EEN

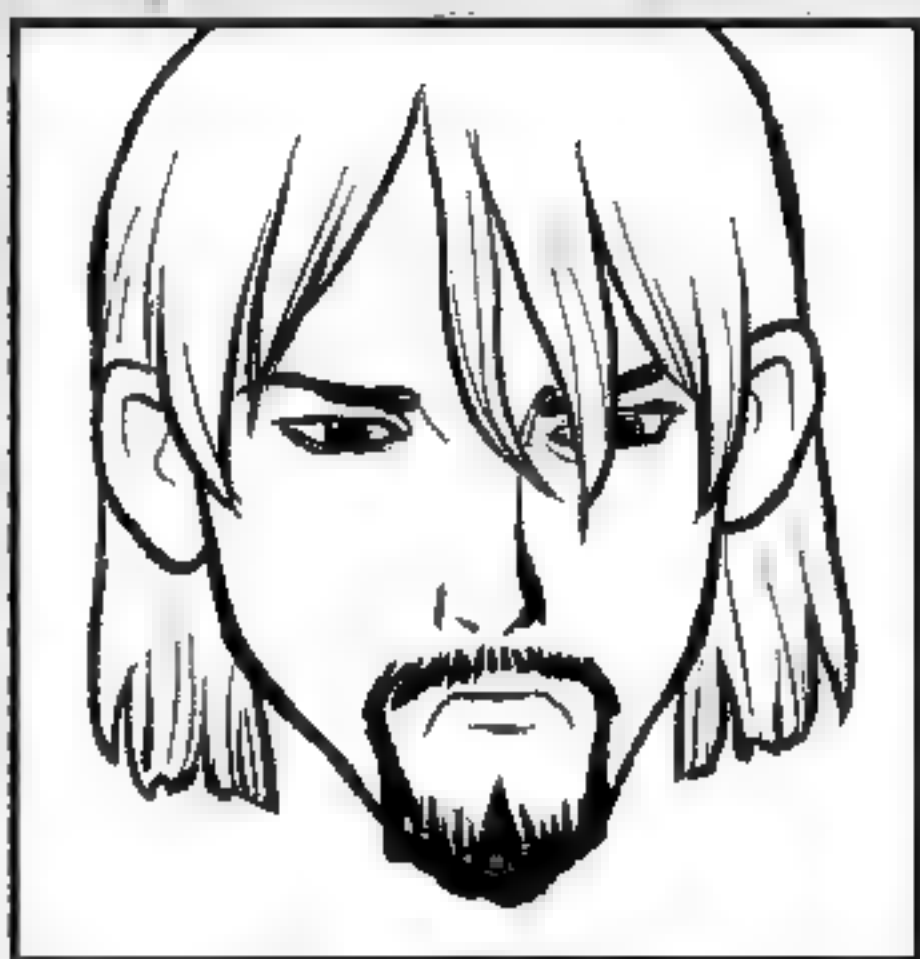
GLASS!

CERN









# THE SEVEN RULES OF THE GRAND BOUT

**1. ANYONE AGE 14 OR OLDER AND UNMARRIED CAN PARTICIPATE**

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**2. THE WINNER MARRIES THE CURRENT SHAMANESS AND BECOMES VILLAGE CHIEF**

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**3. MATCHES ARE DECIDED BY SURRENDER, RING OUT OR WHEN ONE COMBATANT IS INCAPACITATED**

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**4. BLADED WEAPONS AND PROJECTILES ARE FORBIDDEN**

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**5. ATTACKS FROM SPECTATORS ARE FORBIDDEN**

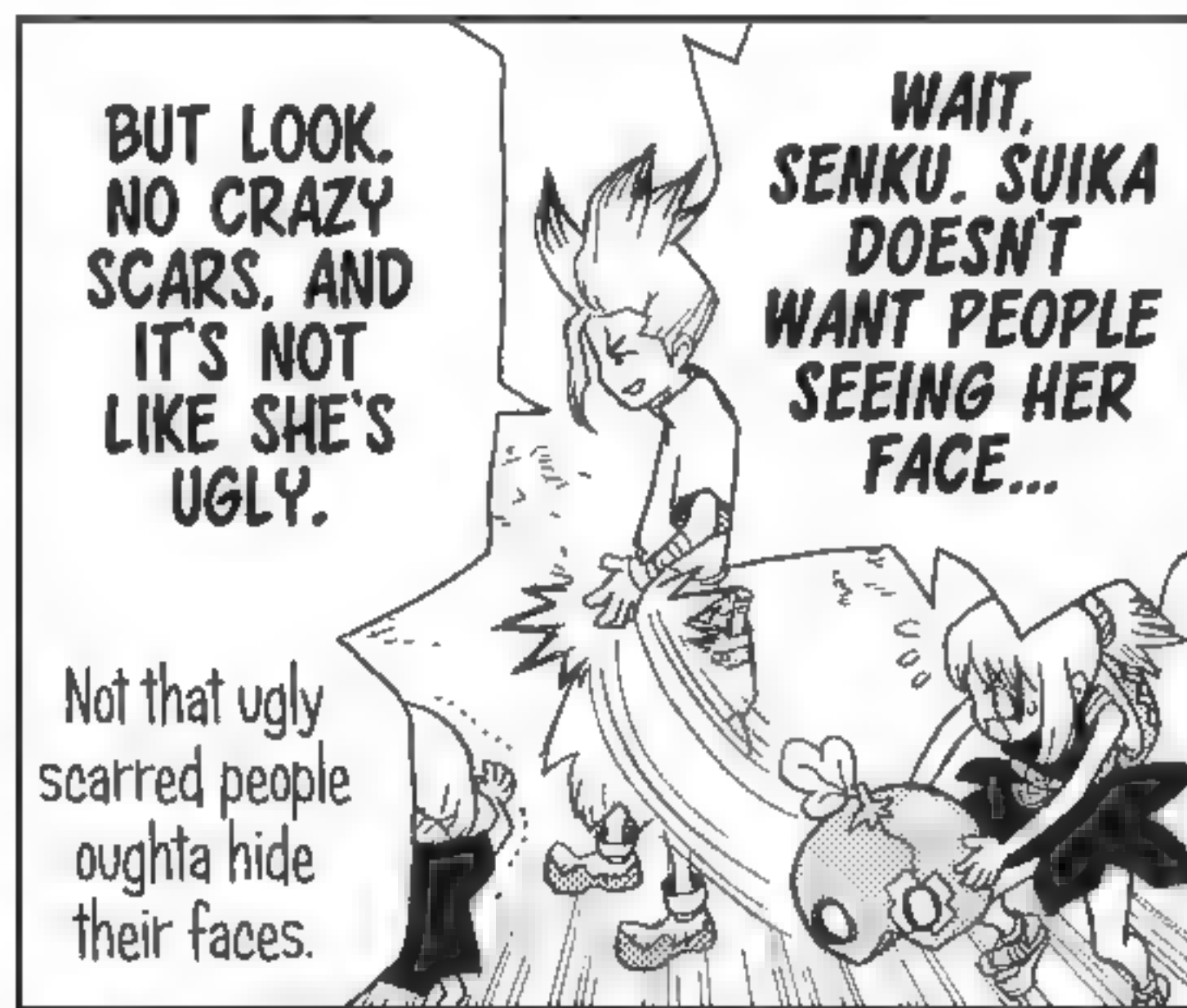
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**6. PUNISHMENT FOR INFRACTIONS WILL FIT THE CRIME**

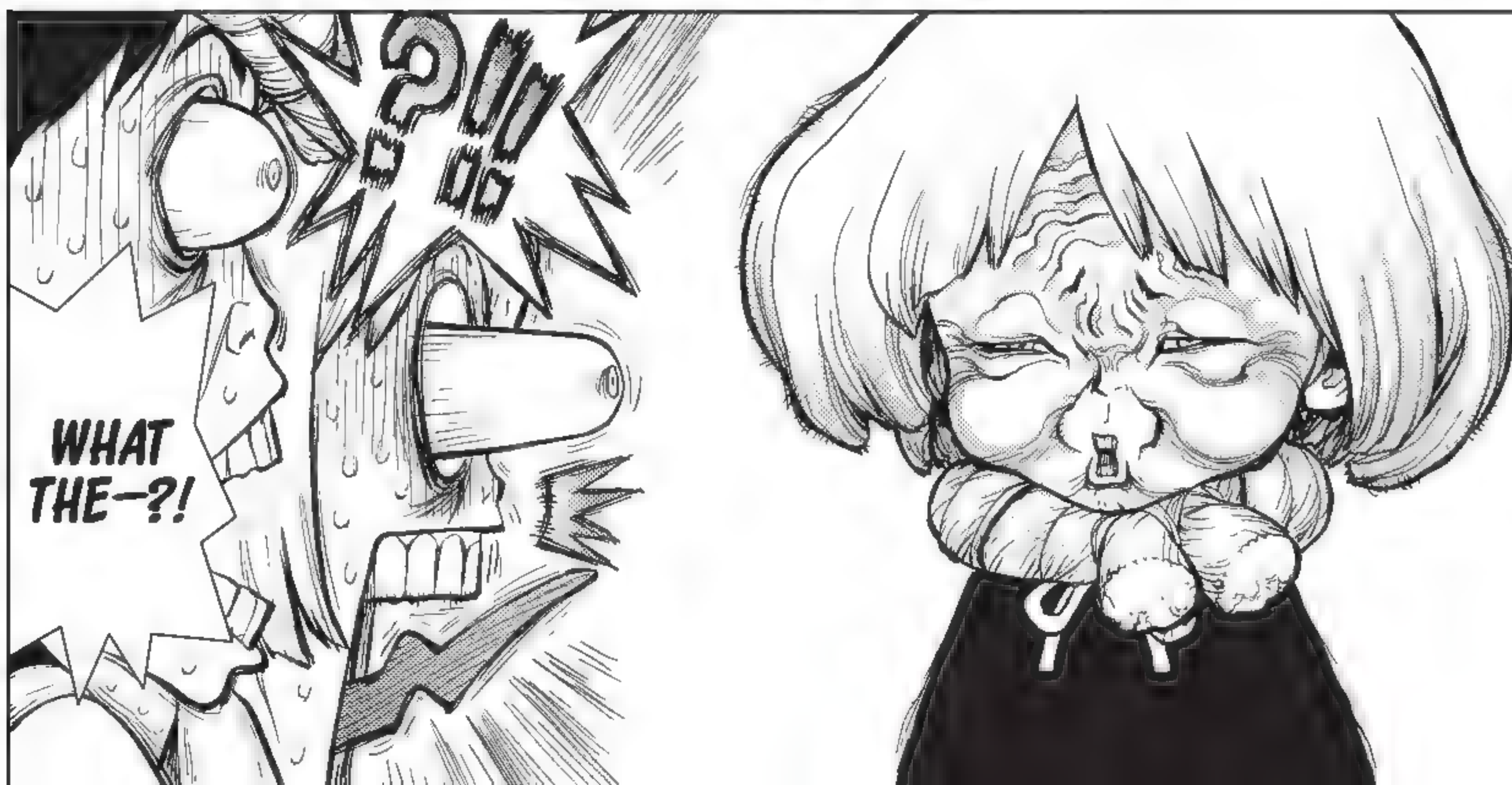
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**7. THE RUNNER-UP FROM THE LAST TOURNAMENT WILL SERVE AS REFEREE AND ENFORCE THESE RULES**





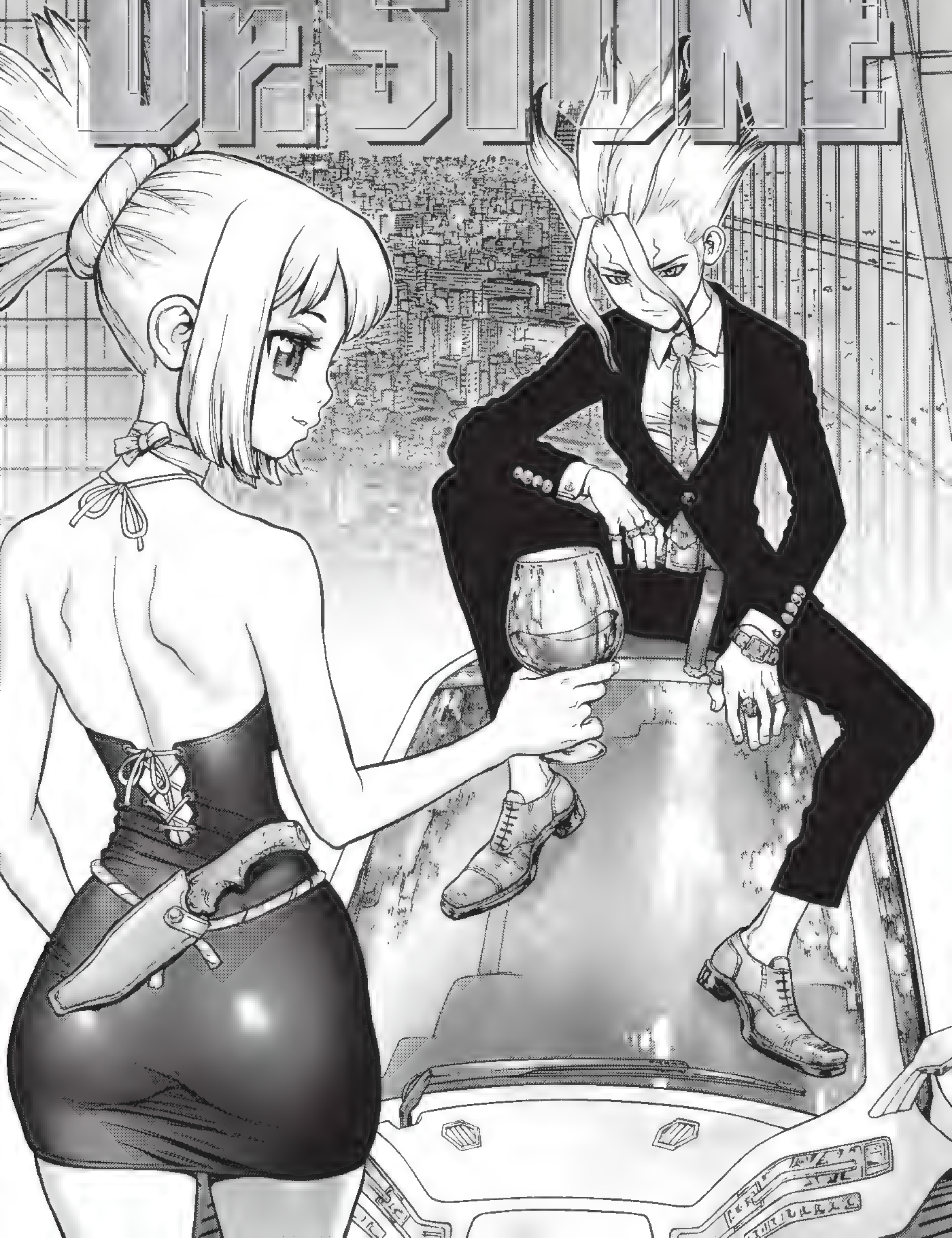






Z=28: CLEAR WORLD

# DRAGON





# GWO RM...

SUIKA'S EYES, WELL...

EVERYTHING LOOKS BLURRY, SO SUIKA TRIES EXTRA HARD TO SEE, AND...

IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING TO SQUINT LIKE THIS...

THEY'VE GOT THE FUZZY DISEASE.

FUZZY...

PEEKING THROUGH LITTLE HOLES NARROWS THE STREAM OF LIGHT.

THAT REDUCES THE DEGREE OF FUZZINESS.

SHINK!

EVERYTHING BECOMES A LITTLE EASIER TO SEE!

BUT WITH THIS WATER-MELON MASK ON...

RIGHT. MUST BE THE PINHOLE EFFECT.





AND  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
WRONG  
WITH YOU.

BUT IT'S  
NOT A  
DISEASE.



A TEN  
BILLION  
PERCENT  
CONNEC-  
TION!

SO THERE'S A  
CONNECTION  
BETWEEN  
SUIKA'S FUZZY  
DISEASE AND  
GLASS?



YOU'RE  
SUPER-  
DUPER  
NEAR-  
SIGHTED!

LISTEN,  
SUIKA, YOUR  
ISSUE IS...



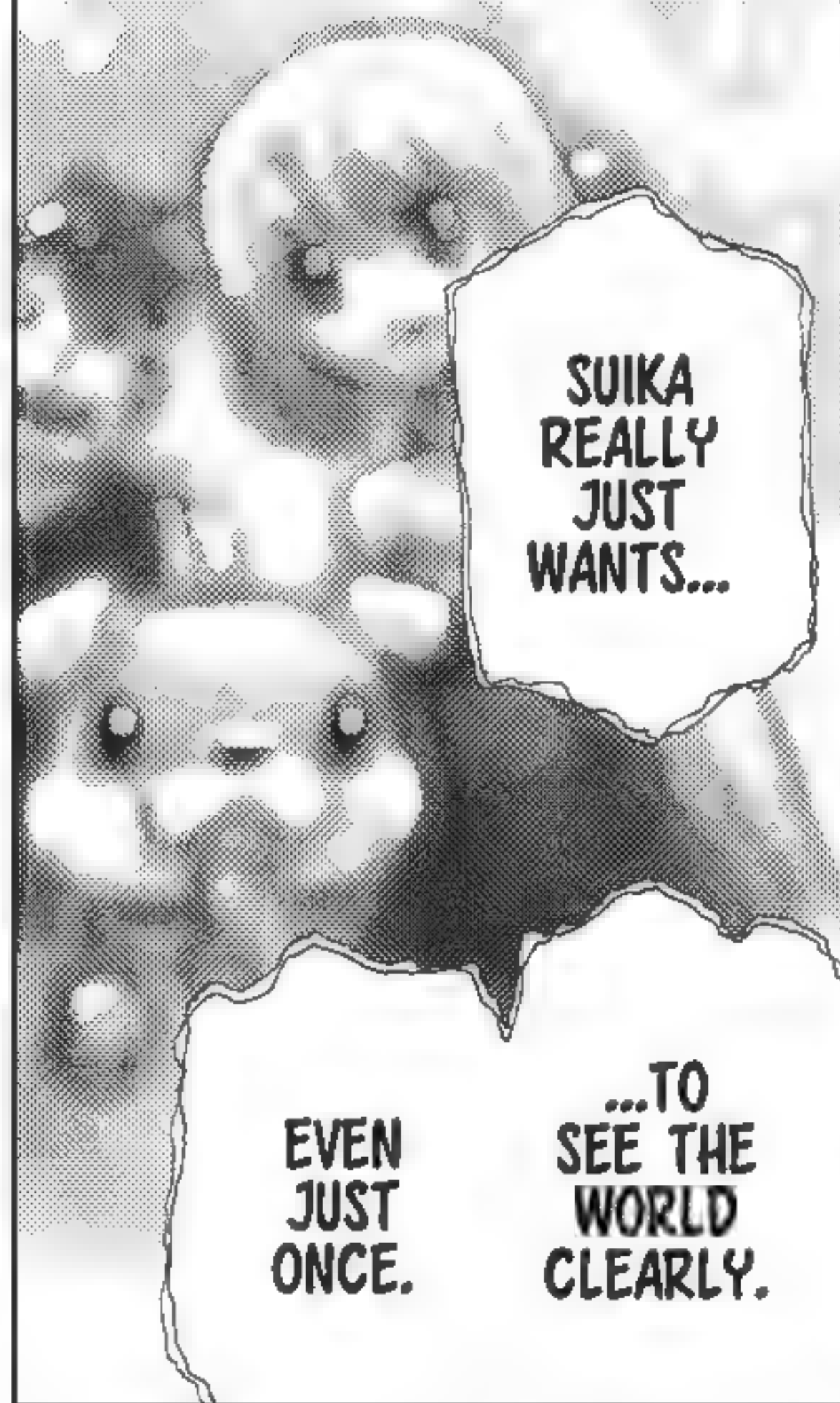
THEY'LL  
TAKE CARE  
OF YOUR  
PROBLEM!!

WE  
CALLED  
THEM  
GLASSES.

...BECAUSE  
WE HAD  
THESE SCIEN-  
TIFIC EYES  
CRAFTED  
FROM  
GLASS.

NOBODY  
THOUGHT TWICE  
ABOUT IT IN  
OUR SCIENTIFIC  
CIVILIZATION...





SUIKA  
REALLY  
JUST  
WANTS...

EVEN  
JUST  
ONCE.

...TO  
SEE THE  
WORLD  
CLEARLY.



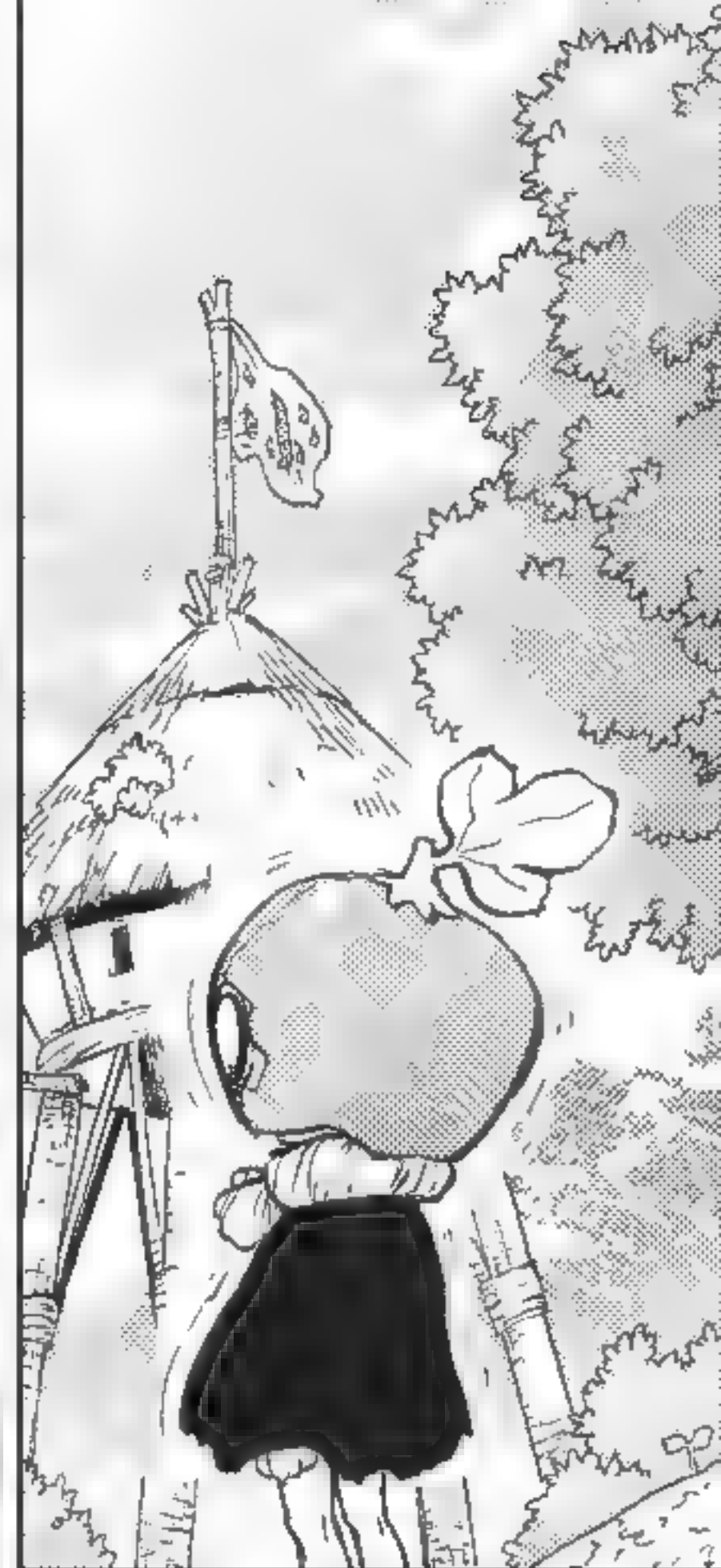
YEP.



SO  
SCIENCE...

...CAN  
EVEN  
MAKE NEW  
EYES FOR  
SOMEONE  
?

THAT'S  
JUST  
TOO  
GOOD  
TO BE  
TRUE...



NOT THE  
FUZZY  
VERSIONS.

BUT THE  
WAY YOU  
GUYS  
REALLY  
LOOK!!



SUIKA  
WANTS TO  
SEE YOU  
GUYS...

...EVEN IF  
IT'S ONLY  
ONE TIME.





THE MAIN  
INGREDIENT  
FOR GLASS IS  
SILICA SAND.

HEH HEH  
HEH... THAT'S  
MISSING FROM  
YOUR ALMIGHTY  
COLLECTION,  
CHROME.

WELL,  
YEAH.  
WHY  
WOULD I  
GO AND  
GATHER  
UP SAND?

YES!  
WHAT DO  
WE NEED  
TO COLLECT,  
SENKU?!

WELL LET'S  
GET TO IT,  
THEN!

TIME  
TO MAKE  
SOME  
GLASS!!

IT WAS RIGHT  
AROUND HERE WHERE  
I FOUND THESE COOL  
SEE-THROUGH ROCKS  
WHEN I WAS A KID!

THAT  
LITTLE  
TIDBIT IS  
WORTH ITS  
WEIGHT IN  
GOLD.

KRACH

KRACH

KRACH



**GORILLA**



**GORILLA**

BAAAD!  
THESE  
LITTLE WHITE  
CHUNKS  
BREAK OFF  
LIKE CRAZY.

CHF  
CHF

SO  
MUCH  
FUN!

FS  
HH

GATHER  
UP AS MANY  
OF THE  
TRANSPARENT  
BITS AS YOU  
CAN.

THEN WE'LL  
CRUSH 'EM  
INTO FINE  
SAND.

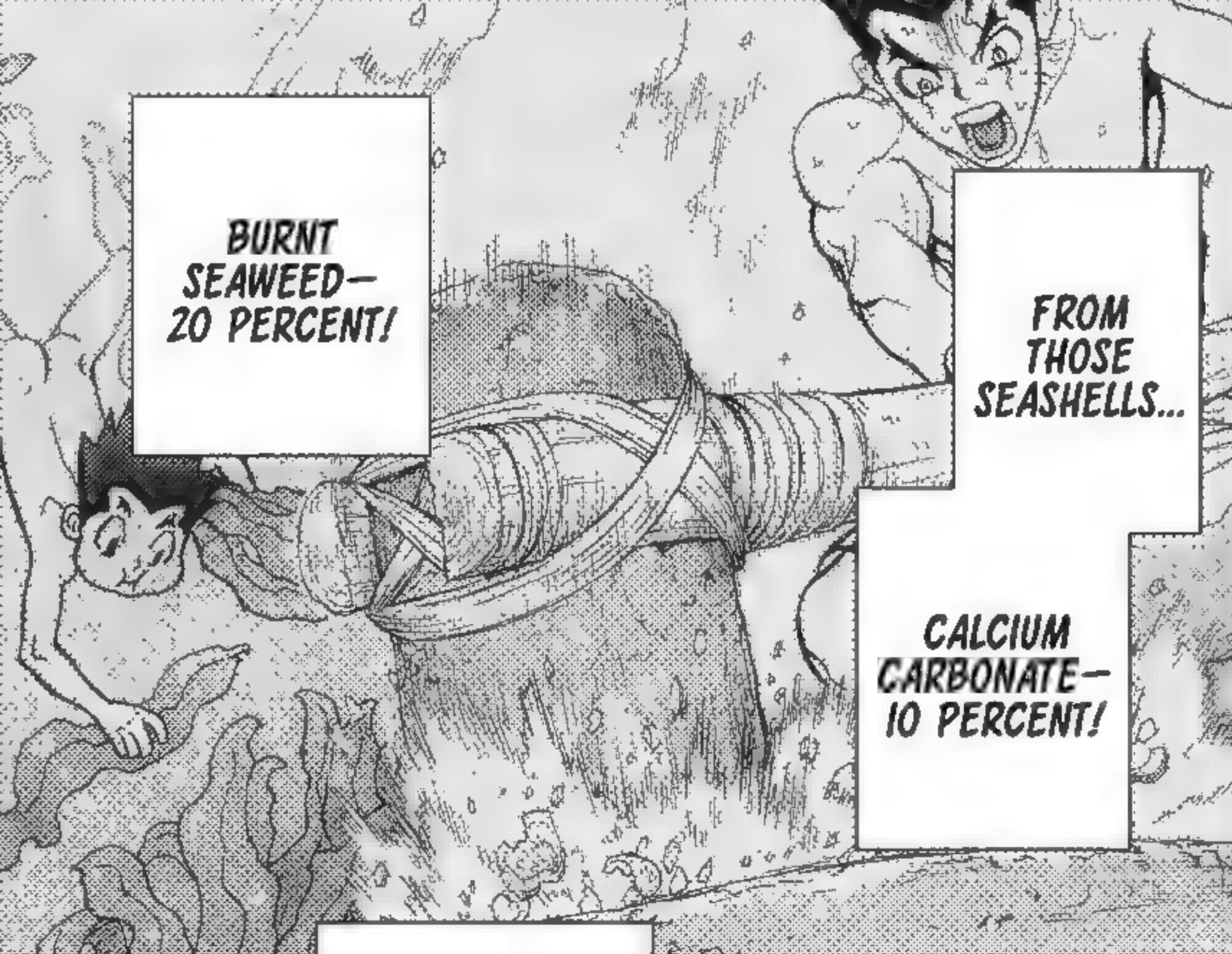
IT'S  
EXPOSED  
BEDROCK.

IF YOU FOUND  
CRYSTALS  
HERE, THAT  
MEANS THE  
GRANITE'S  
BEEN  
WEATHERED  
AWAY.

WE'RE  
GUARANTEED  
TO FIND  
THE RAW  
MATERIAL  
FOR GLASS...

**SILICA  
SAND!!**





**BURNT  
SEAWEED—  
20 PERCENT!**

**FROM  
THOSE  
SEASHELLS...**

**CALCIUM  
CARBONATE—  
10 PERCENT!**



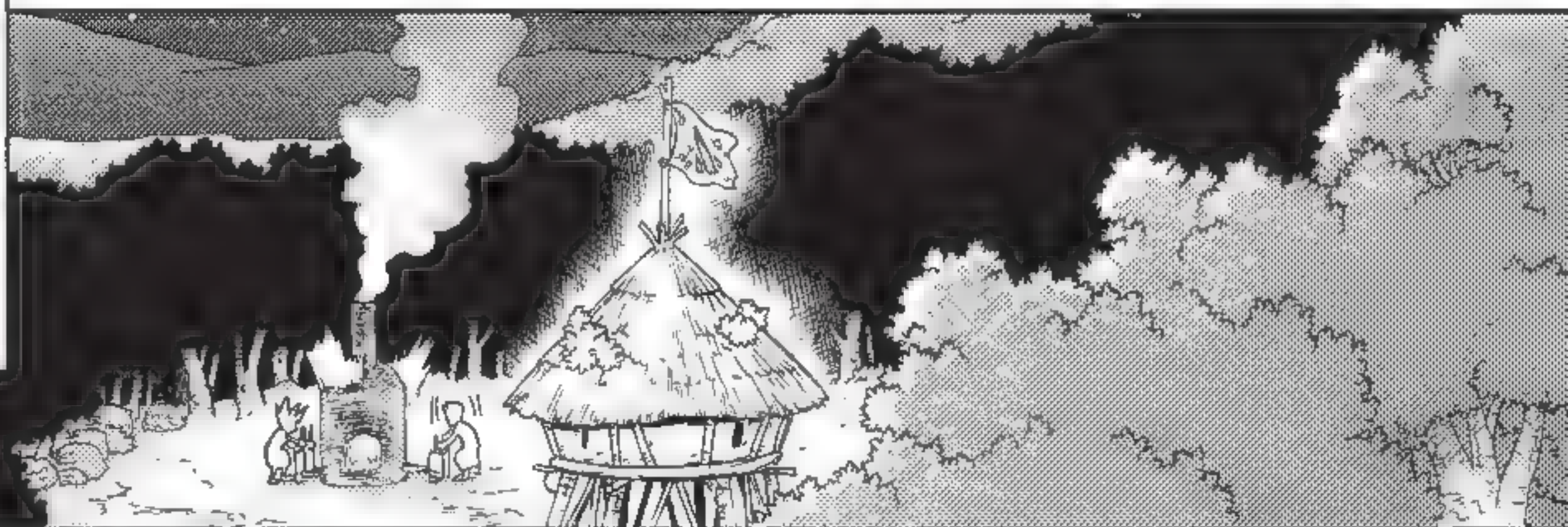
**NEED  
ANYTHING  
ELSE?**

**NAH. WE  
PRETTY MUCH  
HAVE EVERYTHING.  
THE HARD WORK  
I ALREADY DID  
IS PAYING OFF.**

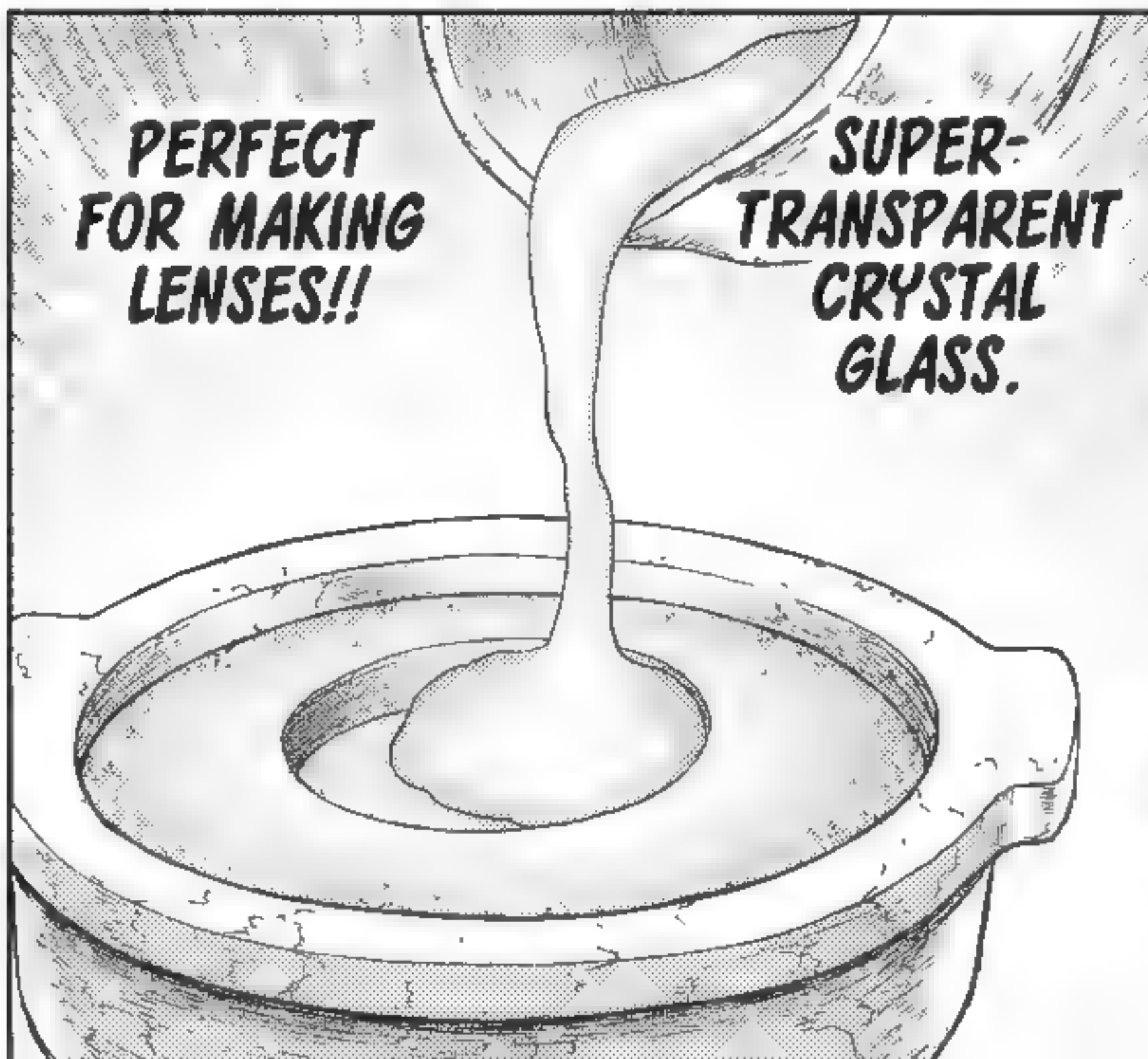
**THUD**



**THAT'S THE  
STUFF WE  
USED WHEN  
MAKING  
SOAP.**



**ALL WE  
NEED IS  
SOME LEAD,  
NOW.**



**PERFECT  
FOR MAKING  
LENSES!!**

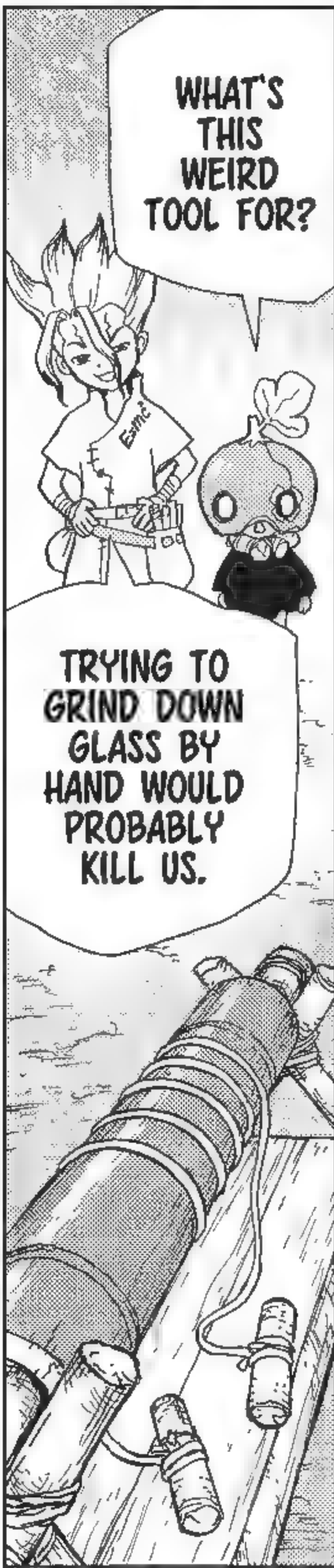
**SUPER-  
TRANSPARENT  
CRYSTAL  
GLASS.**



**OH, HERE  
WE GO!  
GALENA!!**

**SWEET,  
SWEET  
LEAD!**





WHAT'S  
THIS  
WEIRD  
TOOL FOR?

TRYING TO  
GRIND DOWN  
GLASS BY  
HAND WOULD  
PROBABLY  
KILL US.



OHNNNN!!

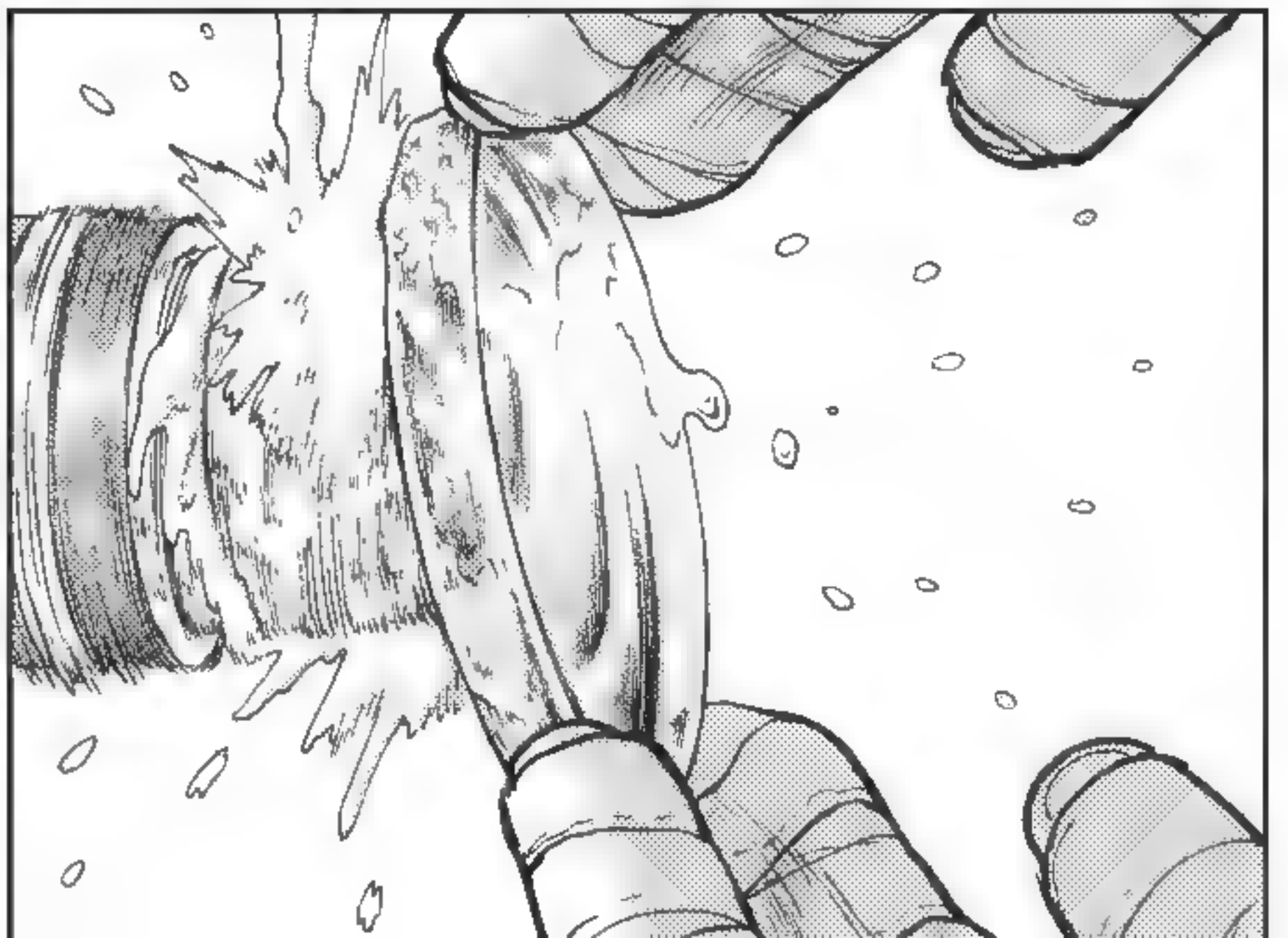
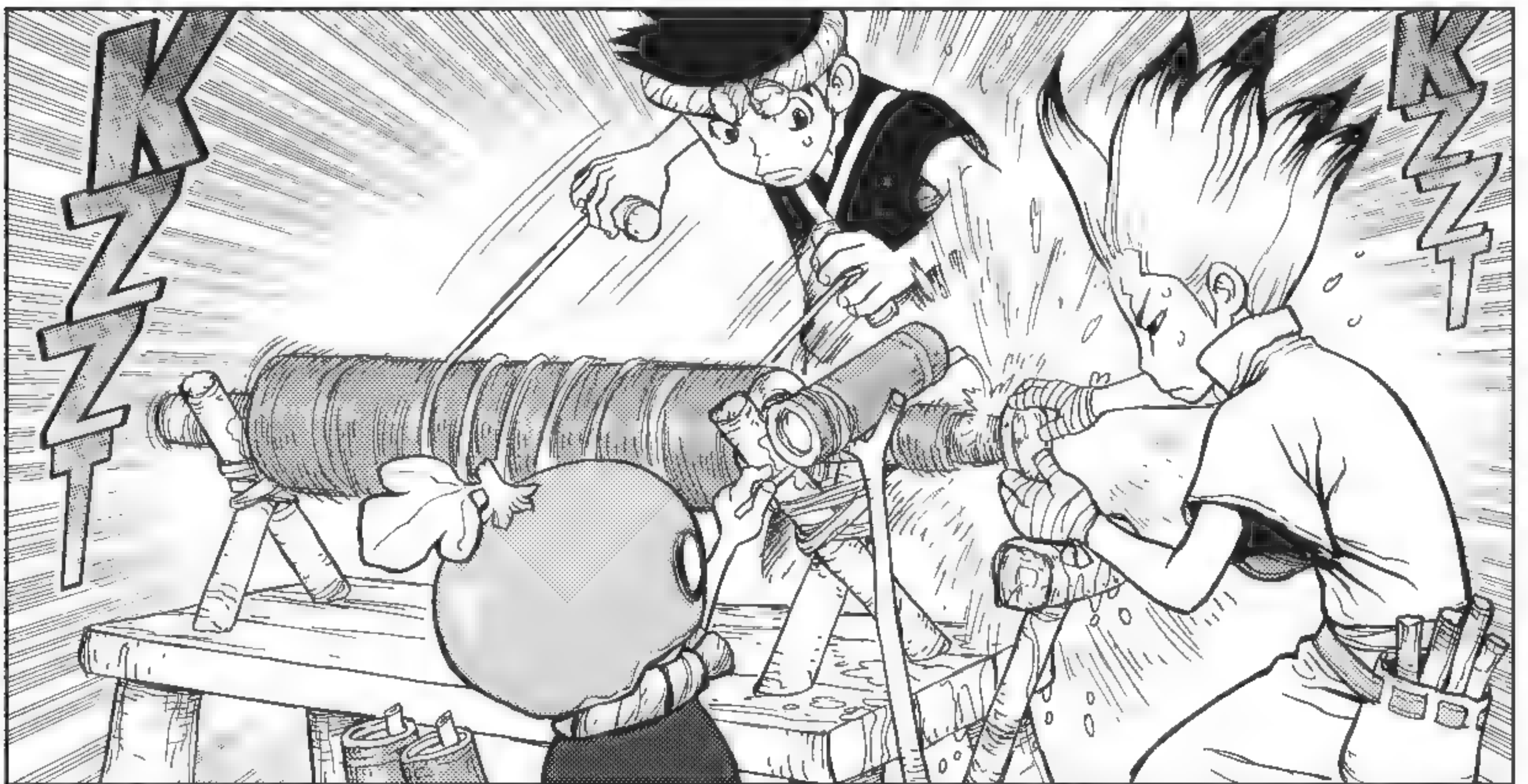
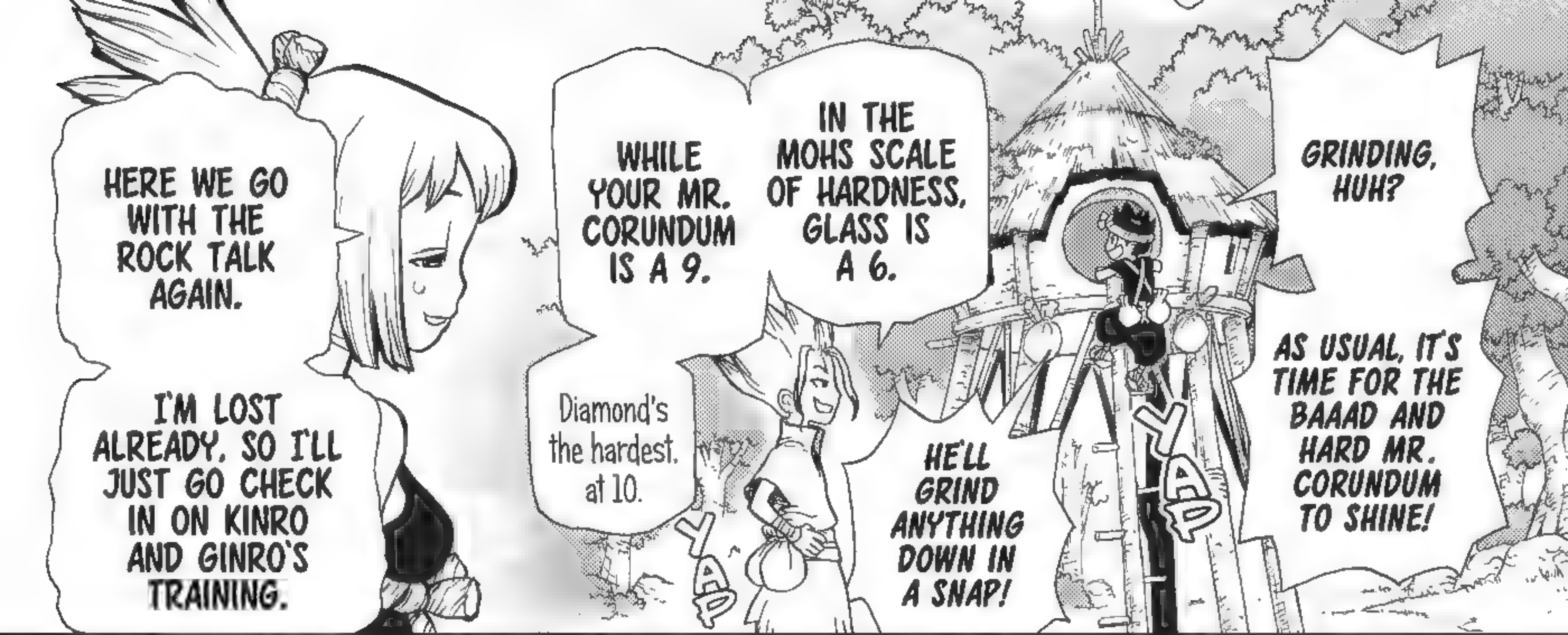
ALL  
SPARKLY  
AND SEE-  
THROUGH.

LOOKS  
LIKE  
ICE.

LIKE A  
JEWEL!!











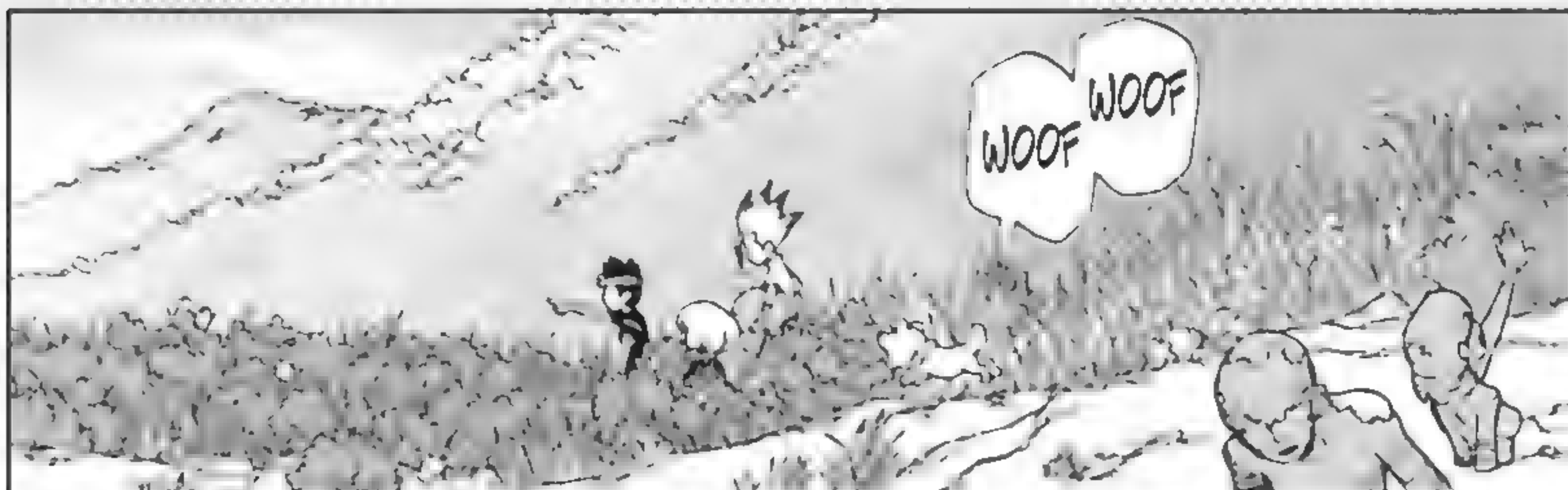
POP

POP

SO SHE'S  
JUST GONNA  
KEEP  
WEARING  
THIS THING  
AFTER  
ALL?



OHH,  
PERFECT FIT  
INTO THOSE  
EYEHOLE IN  
THE WATER-  
MELON.

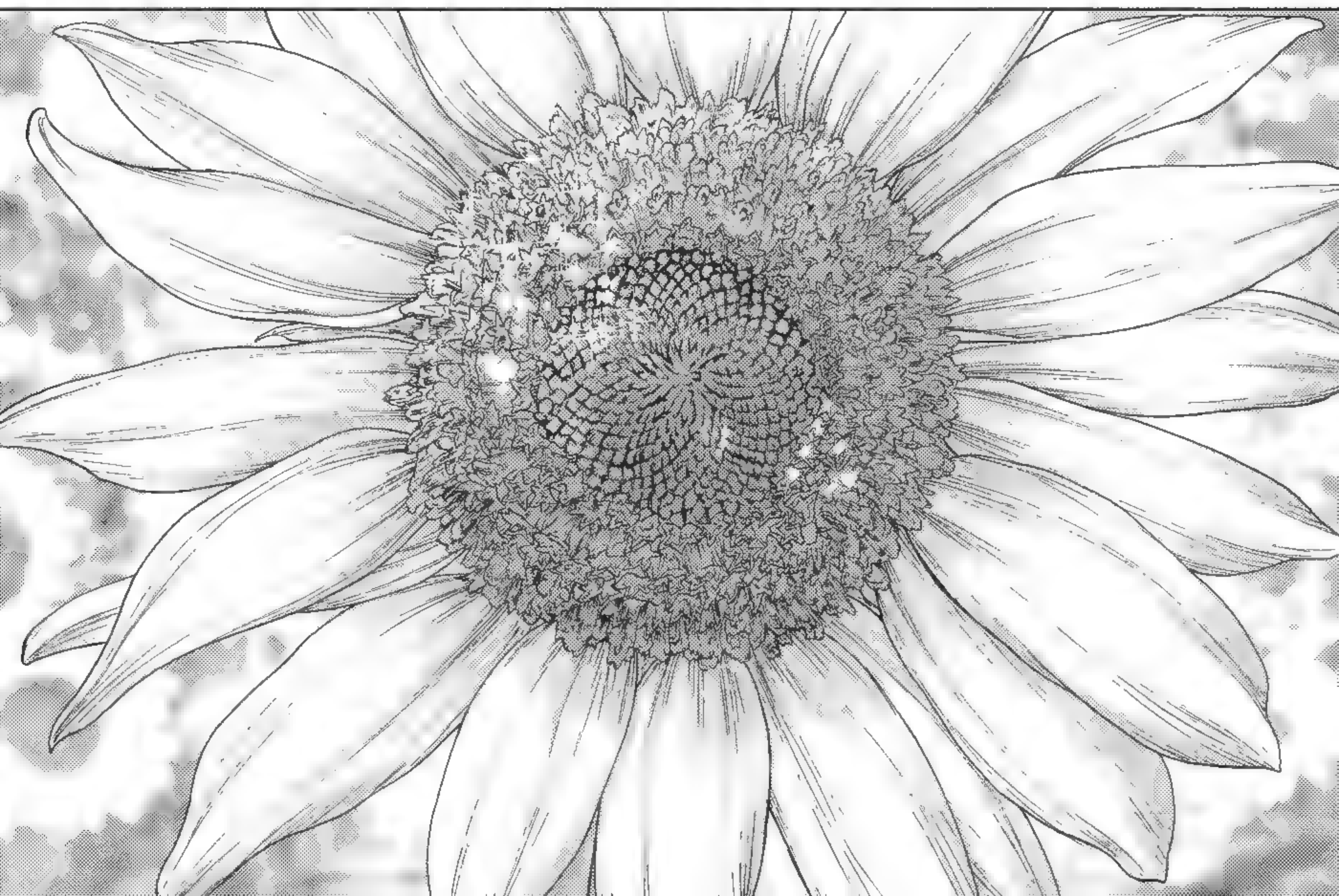


CAN YOU  
TELL WHAT  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING AT  
THERE?

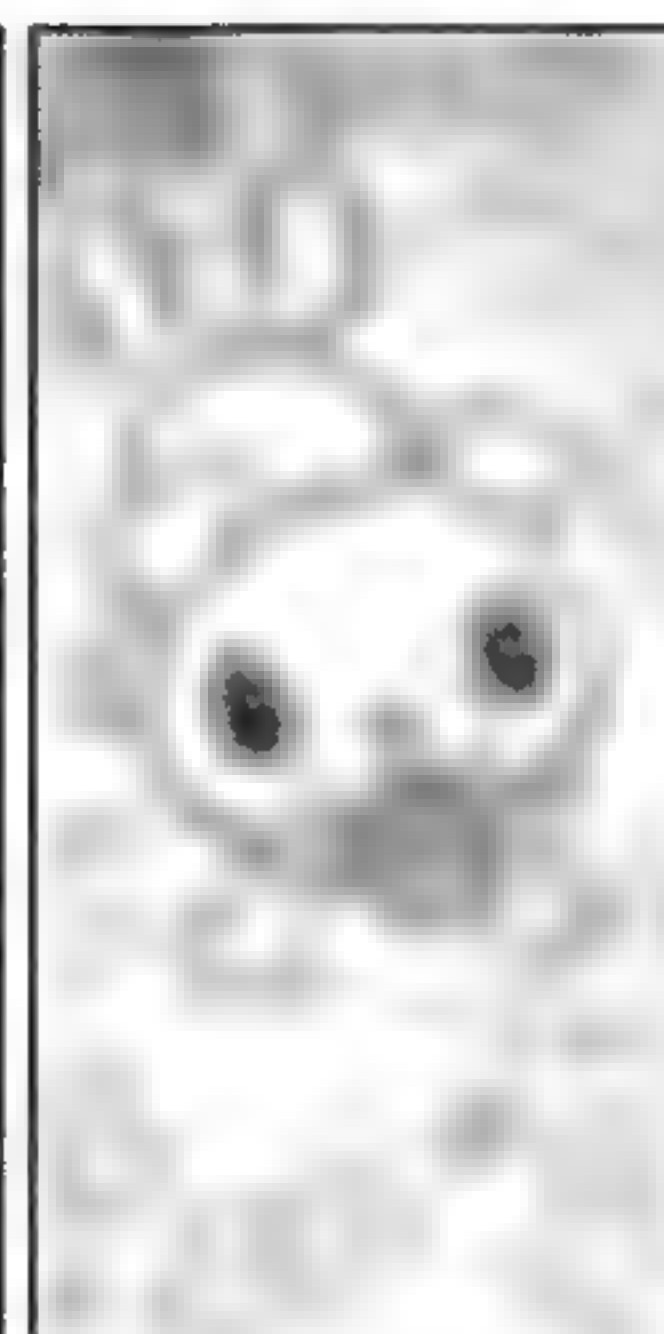
SUIKA.



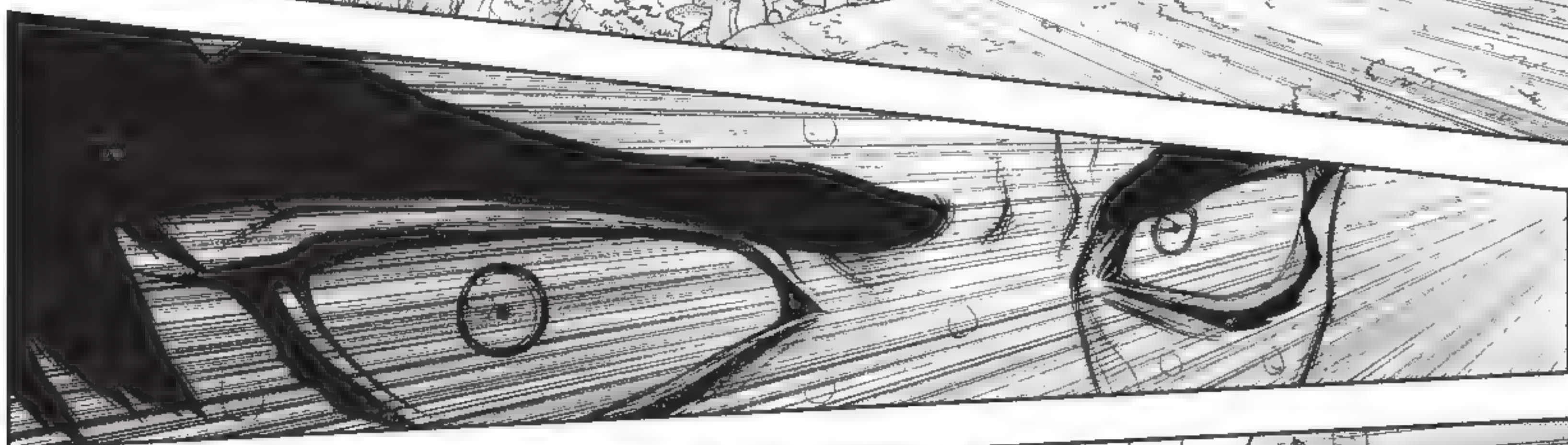
















WITH A SPEAR,  
JUDGING SPACE  
IS EVERYTHING. IF  
YOU DON'T GET A  
BETTER SENSE OF  
DISTANCE...

YOU'LL  
NEVER  
BEAT  
MAGMA!!

AS I THOUGHT,  
YOUR FOLLOW-  
THROUGH IS  
ALWAYS TOO  
SHALLOW!!

THAT'S A  
BAD HABIT  
OF YOURS,  
KINRO.





SENKU AND CHROME... YOU BOTH LOOK COOLER THAN SUIKA EXPECTED!

YOU EXPECTED LESS, SUIKA?



DON'T SAY 'LABOR FORCE'!



HEH HEH... THE SCIENCE KINGDOM'S LABOR FORCE JUST GOT A POWER-UP.

LET'S END THIS ON A POSITIVE NOTE!

AND WITH GLASS TOOLS, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO COOKING UP ALL SORTS OF CHEMICALS!!

**Glass acquired!**



A GREAT MAN DOESN'T MAKE EXCUSES!

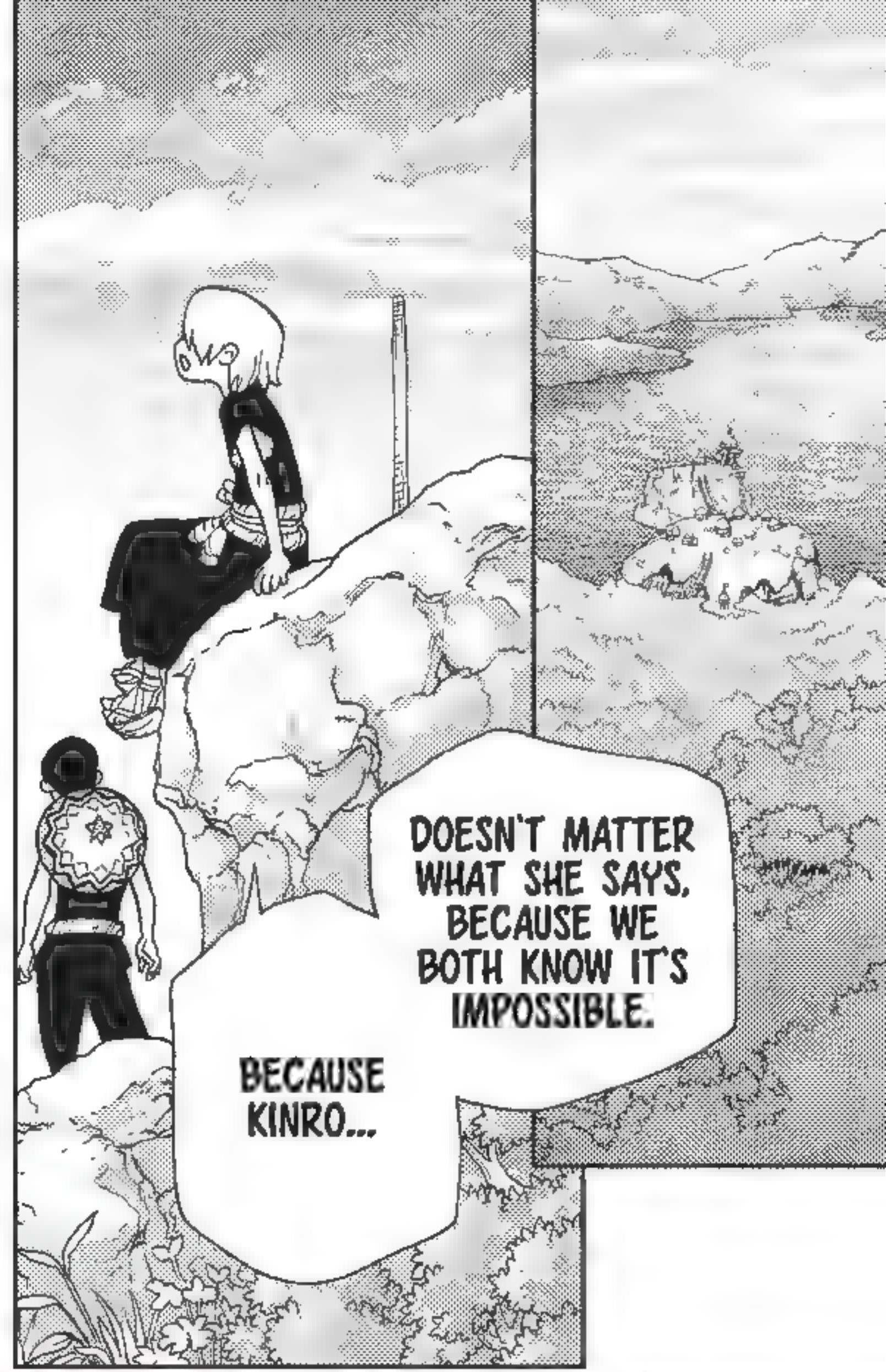
DO NOT TELL ANYONE, GINRO!!

IF I WERE YOU, I'D JUST SAY SOMETHING.

I DON'T GET THE POINT OF IT, KINRO.



"IT'S NOT MY FAULT. IT'S JUST MY EYES." OR, "I'M STRONGER THAN I SEEM, REALLY."



DOESN'T MATTER WHAT SHE SAYS, BECAUSE WE BOTH KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.  
BECAUSE KINRO...



YOUR EYES...  
...HAVE THE FUZZY DISEASE.



NO, I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED THIS WAY.  
THAT'S WHY YOU LOOK SO SOUR ALL THE TIME.



# Mohs Scale of Mineral Hardness



This scale indicates how difficult it is to scratch a given material! By no means should you attempt to chew on iron!



## Z=29: SENKU'S LAB





...IS A  
LEGIT  
SET OF  
TOOLS...

IN  
ORDER  
TO CURE  
RURI...

...WHAT WE  
ABSOLUTELY  
NEED, GOING  
FORWARD...

...AND A  
FULL-BLOWN  
LABORATORY  
!!

HEH HEH  
HEH... TIME  
FOR A SUPER-  
FUN GLASS-  
CRAFTING  
SEMINAR!

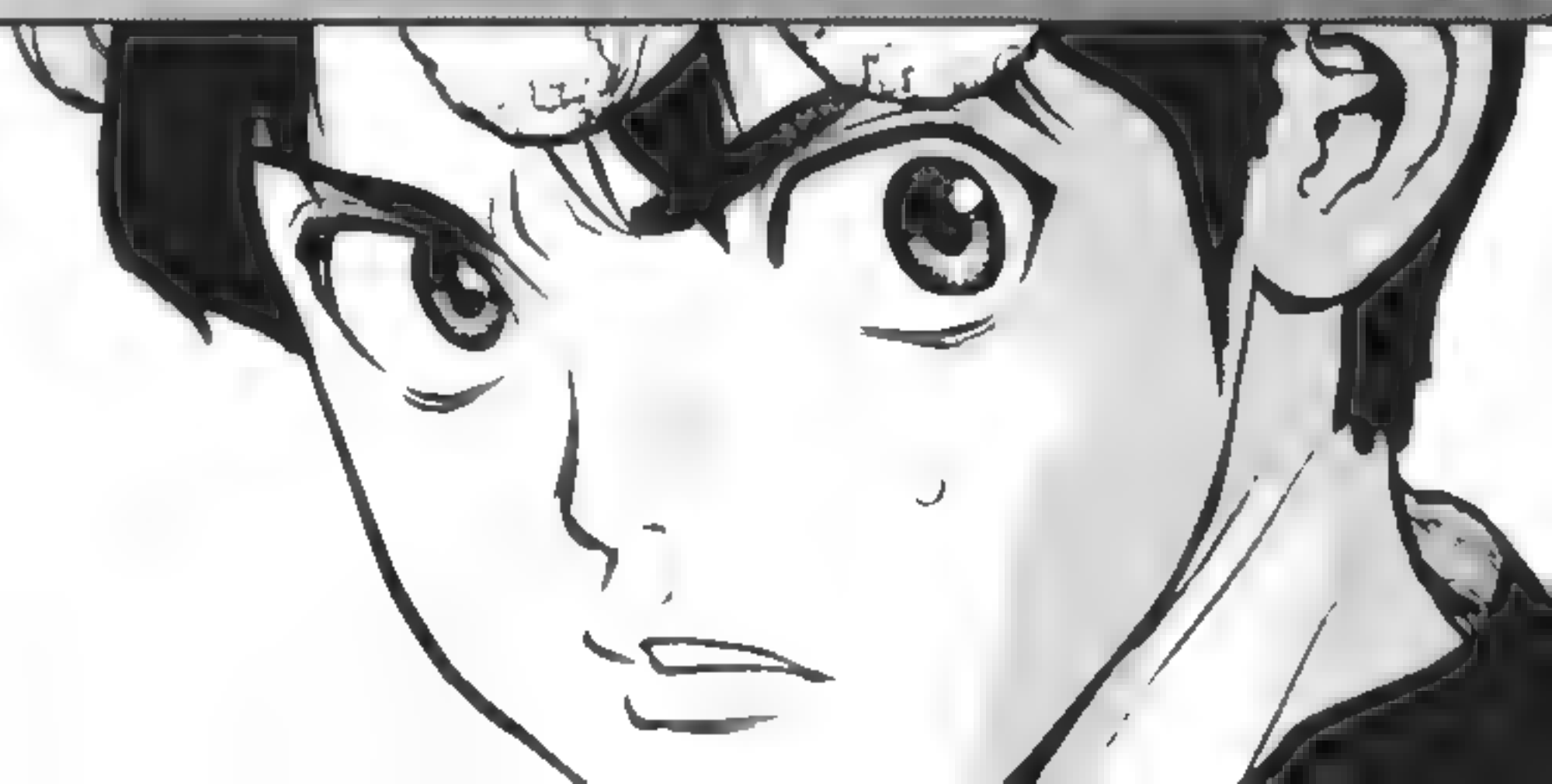
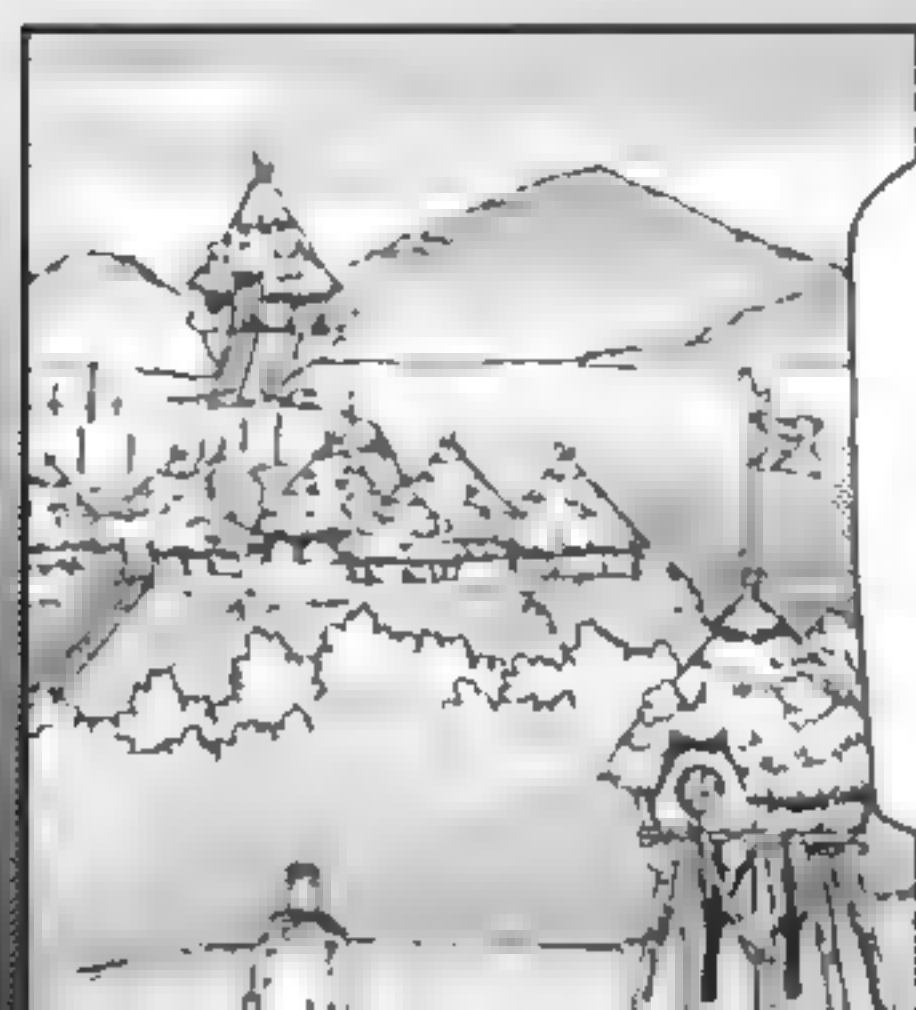
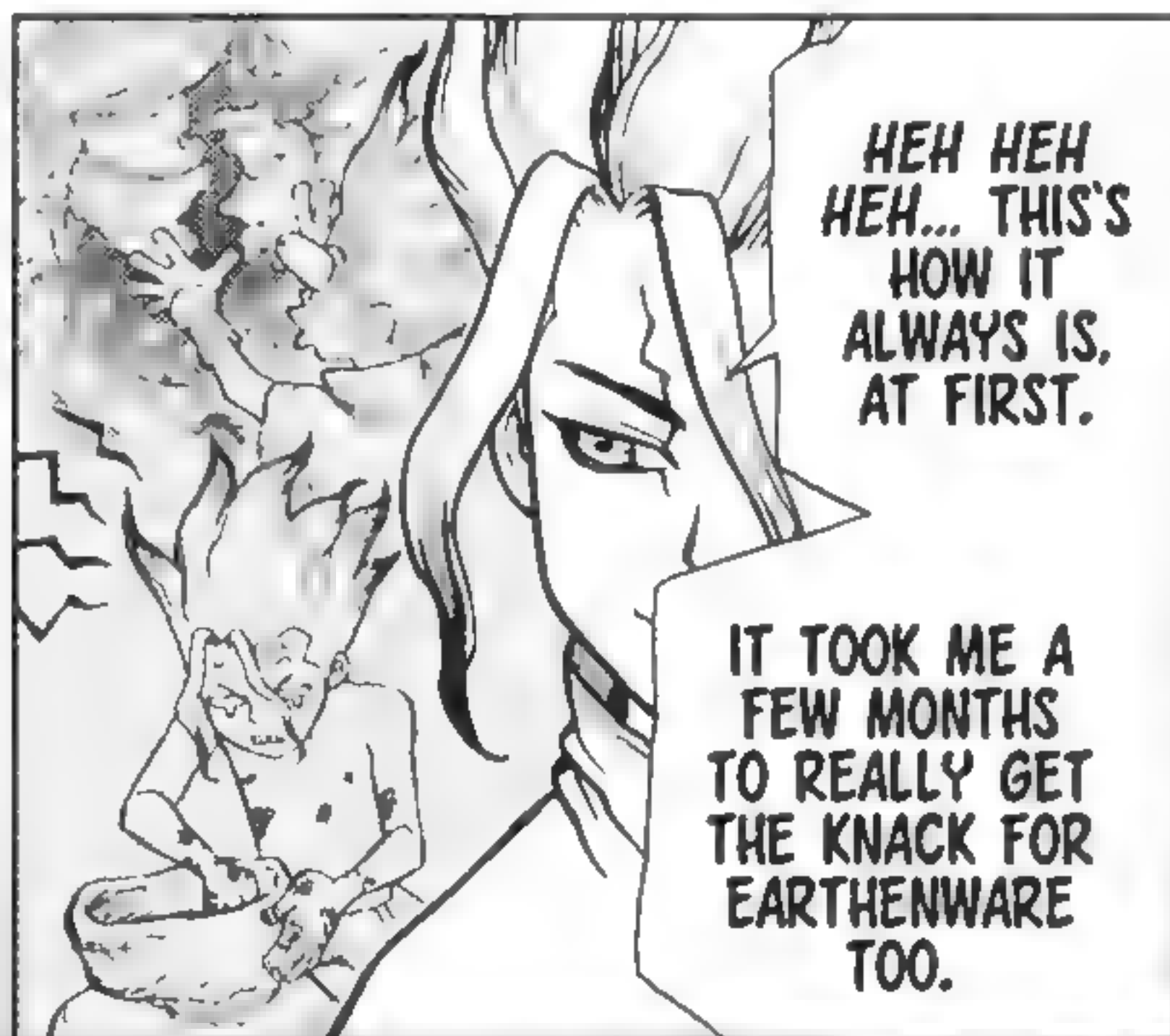
YEAH, LET'S  
MAKE A  
WHOLE  
MOUNTAIN  
OF IT!!

**FWON**

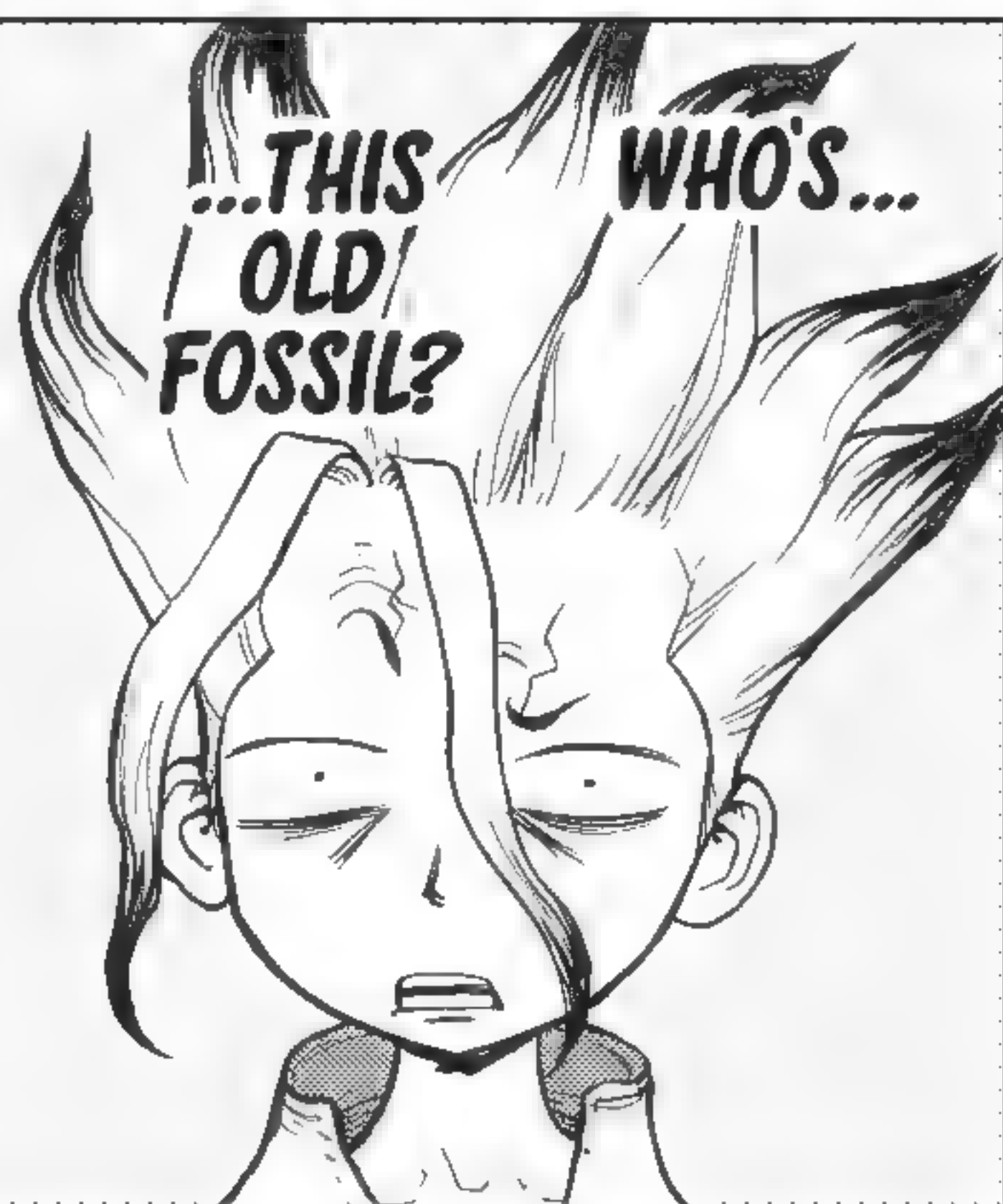
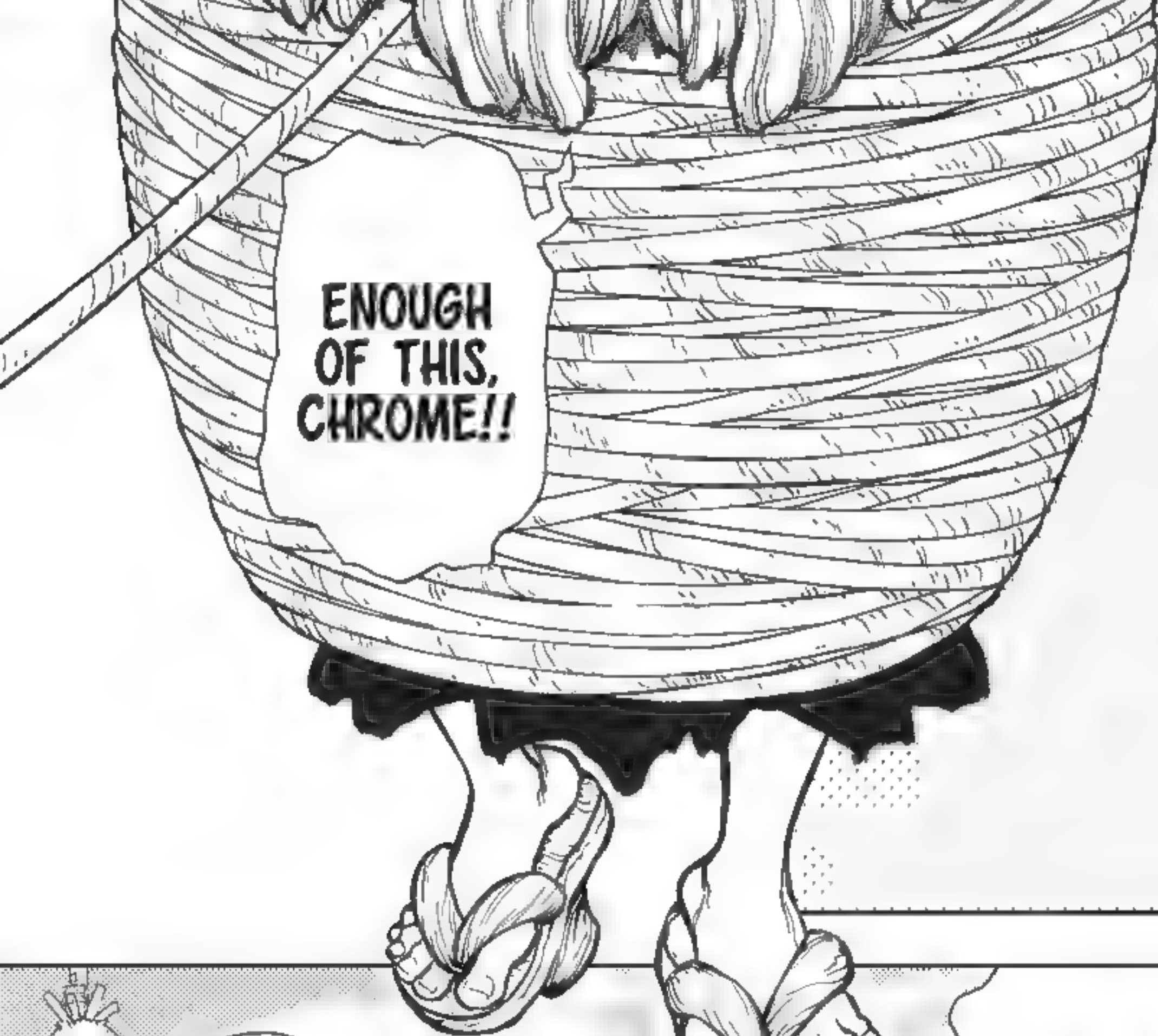
















THAT'S LACQUER ON YOUR SHIELD, RIGHT, KOHAKU?

WHERE DO YOU KEEP LACQUER IN THIS VILLAGE?

OH YES, OF COURSE.

SORRY, OLD MAN KASEKI, BUT SUIKA...

...FORGOT TO RETURN THE LACQUER SUIKA BORROWED.

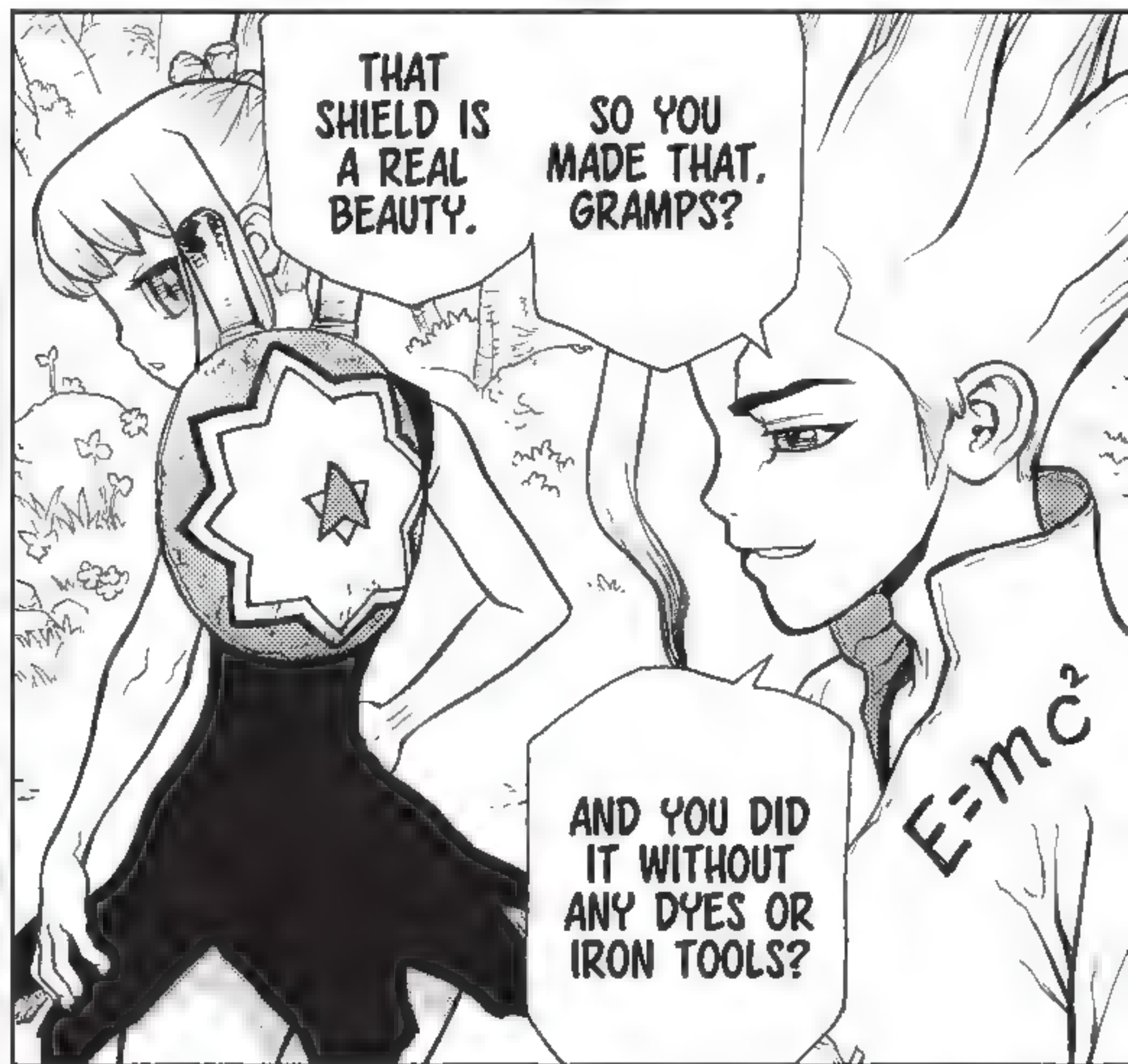


I GAVE IT TO HIM BACK WHEN HE WON THE GRAND BOUT.

IT WAS FOR KOHAKU'S OLD MAN, KOKUYO.

YEP.

I'VE GOT FOND MEMORIES OF THOSE DAYS, WHEN I REALLY PUT MY BACK INTO MY WORK.

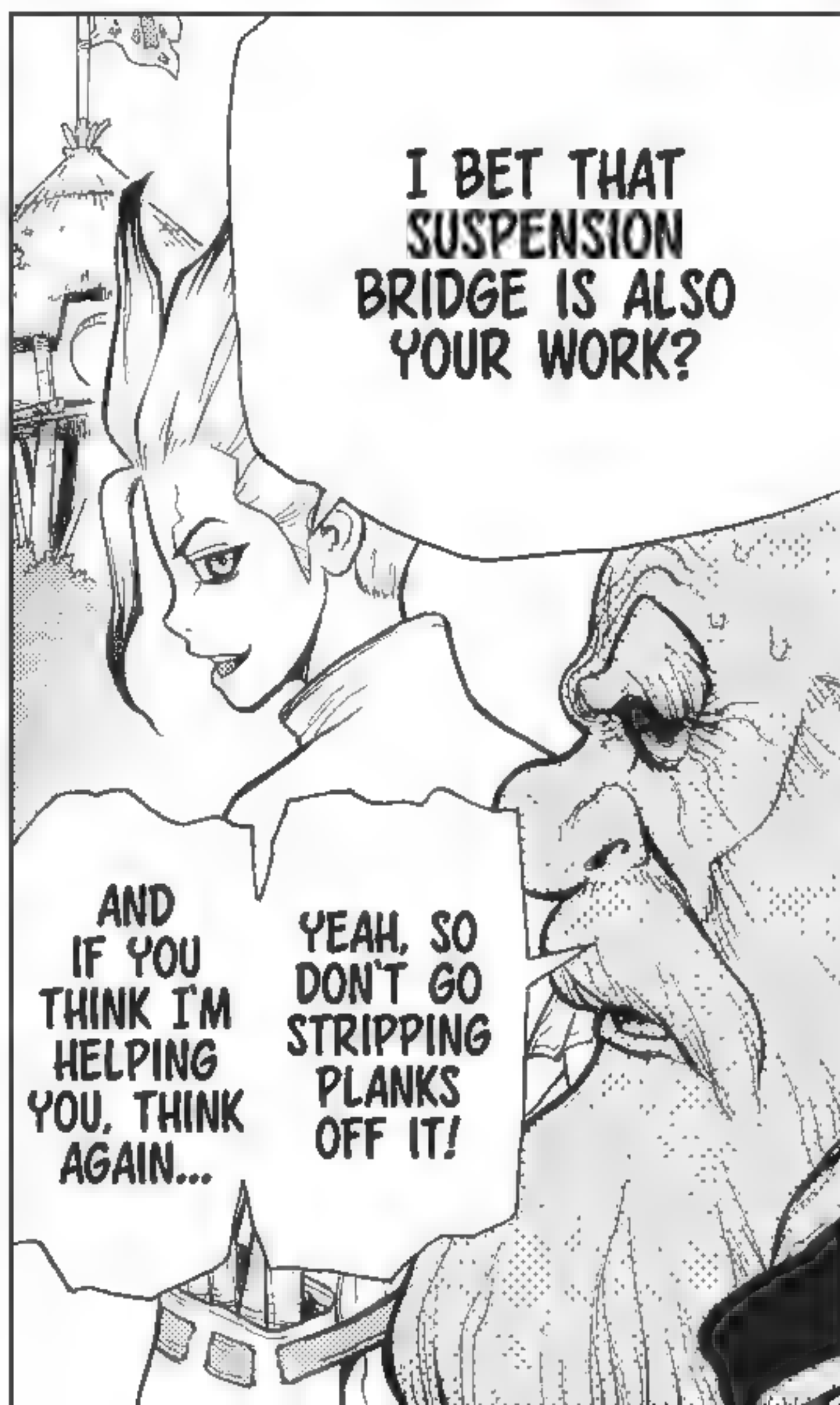


THAT SHIELD IS A REAL BEAUTY.

SO YOU MADE THAT, GRAMPS?

AND YOU DID IT WITHOUT ANY DYES OR IRON TOOLS?

$E=mc^2$



I BET THAT SUSPENSION BRIDGE IS ALSO YOUR WORK?

AND IF YOU THINK I'M HELPING YOU, THINK AGAIN...

YEAH, SO DON'T GO STRIPPING PLANKS OFF IT!



I WAS HOPING TO FIND A SKILLED ARTISAN AT SOME POINT, BUT...

THAT'S SOME IMPRESSIVE HANDIWORK FOR AN UNCIVILIZED SOCIETY.

I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO BE A DODDERING GEEZER.

$E=mc^2$





...SEE-THROUGH MASONRY?

WHAT IS THIS...

WHA—



BECAUSE, KASEKI... I'M TEN BILLION PERCENT SURE...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP OUT. THAT'S FINE.

JUST SIT BACK AND TREAT YOUR EYES TO SOMETHING REAL SPECIAL.

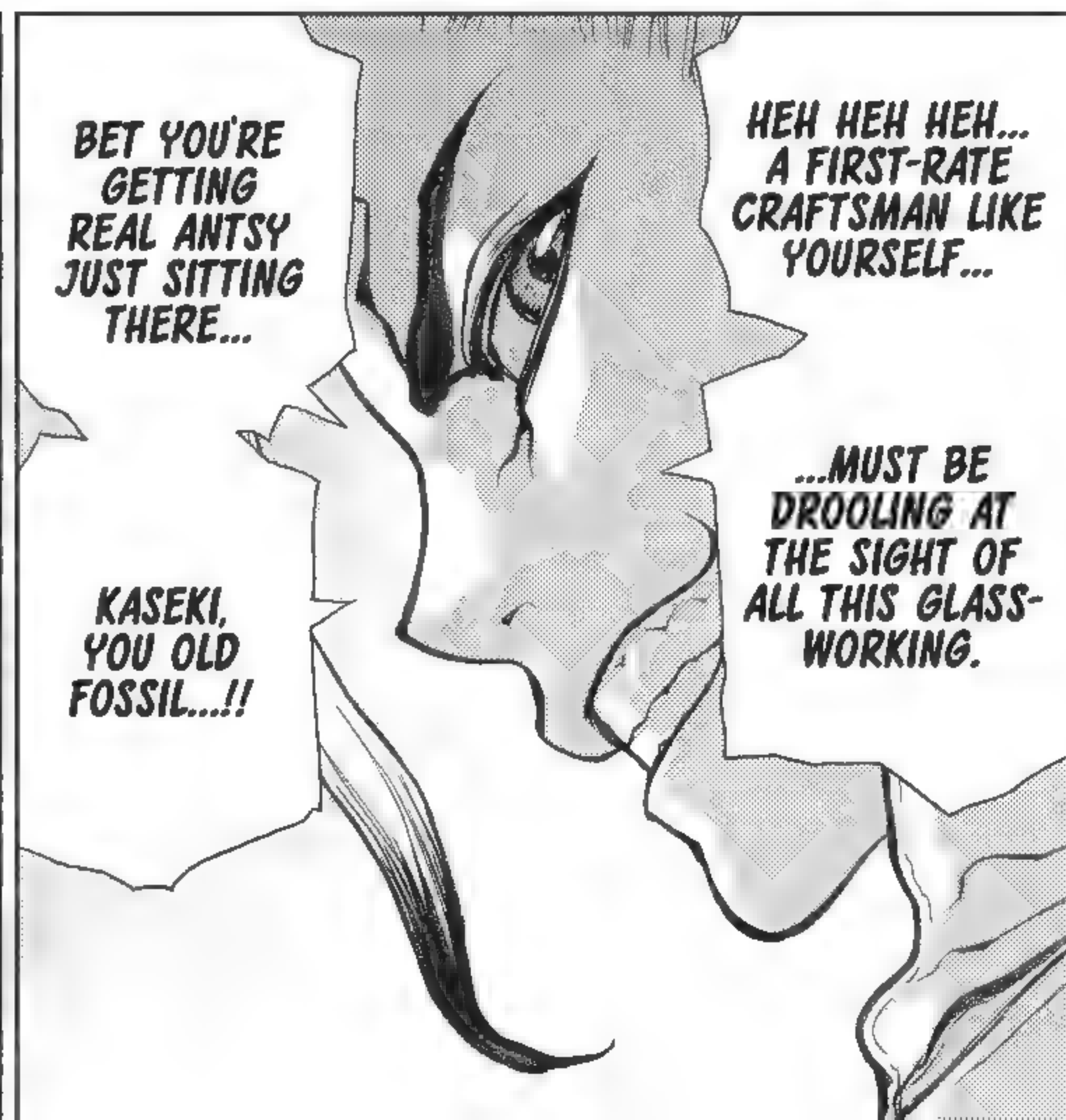
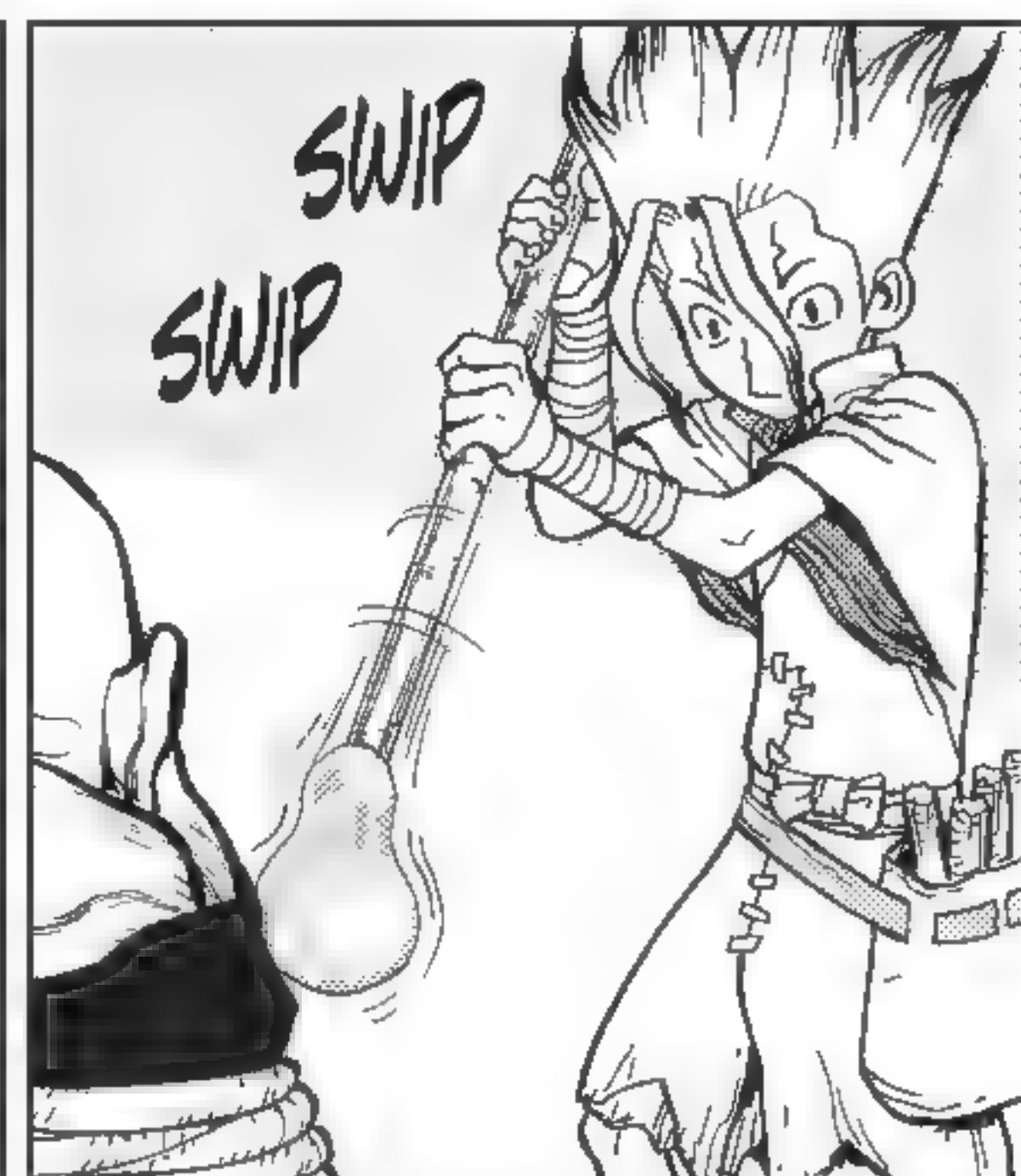
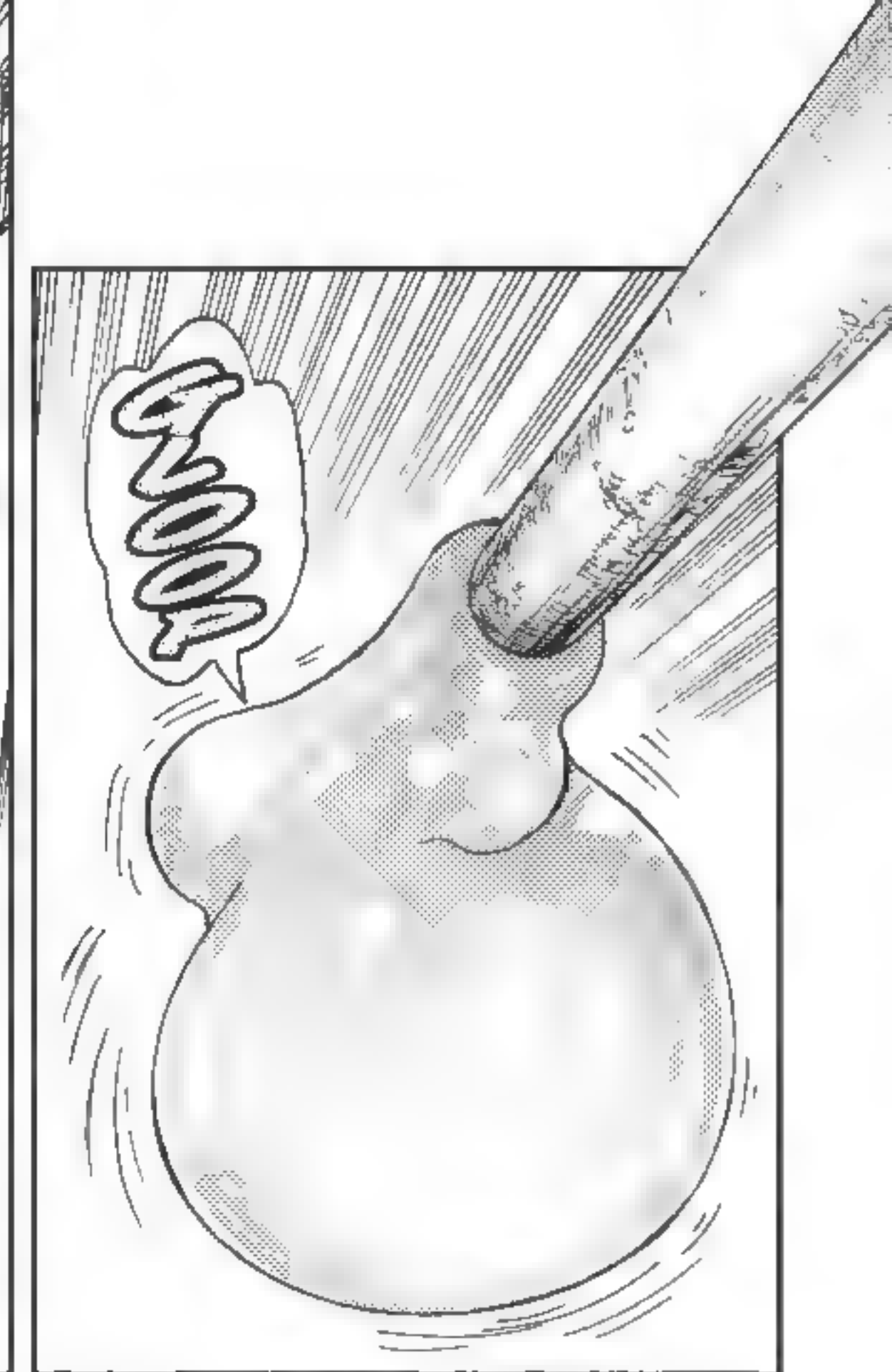


...GET YOU  
EXCITED!!

THAT  
THIS IS  
GONNA...











**...GIVE  
IT A  
TRY!!**

**LET  
ME...**

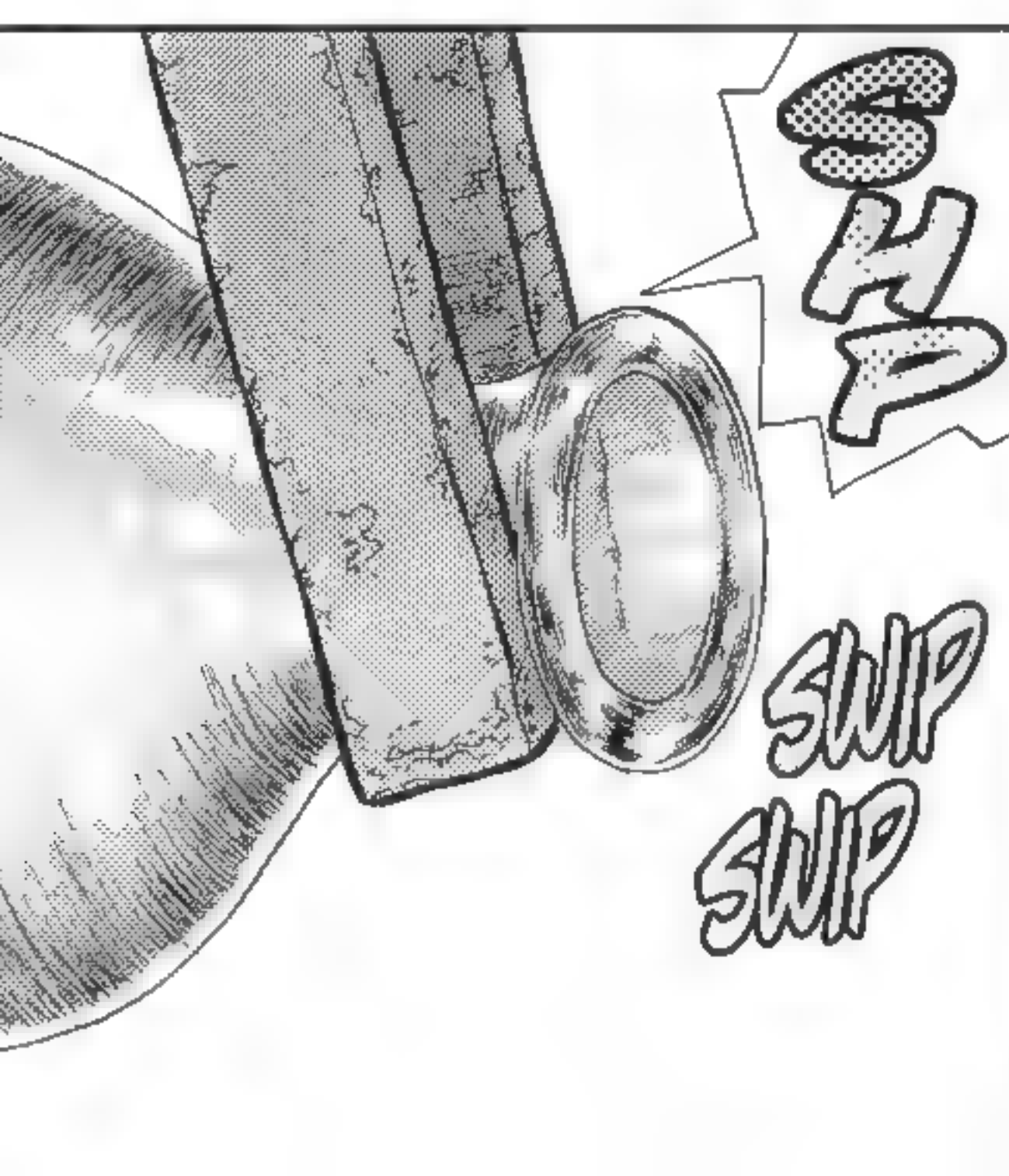


**FOR  
REAL?**

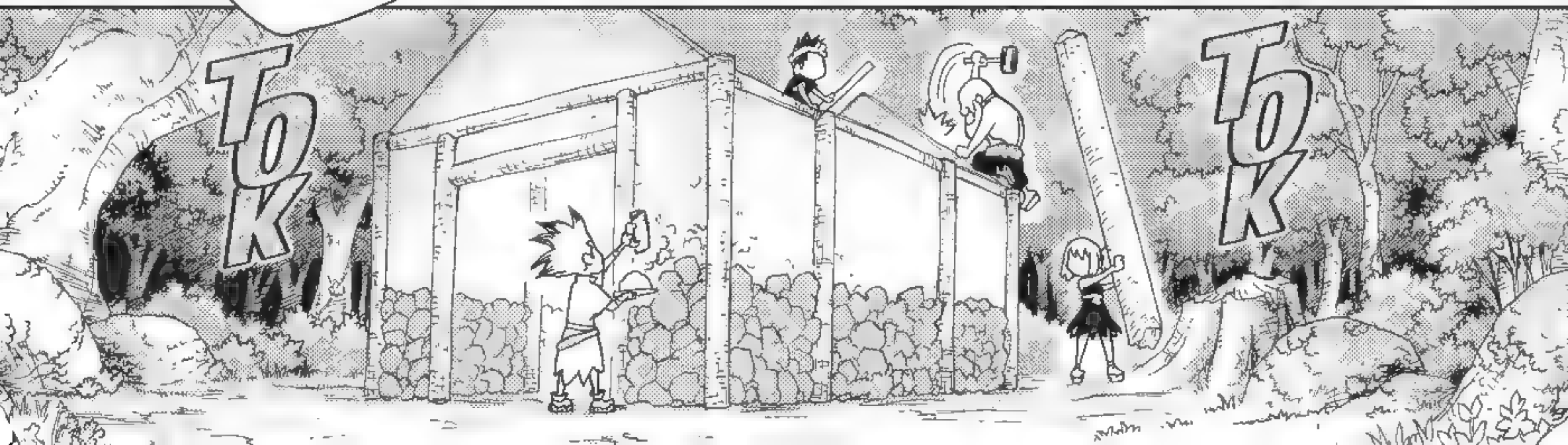
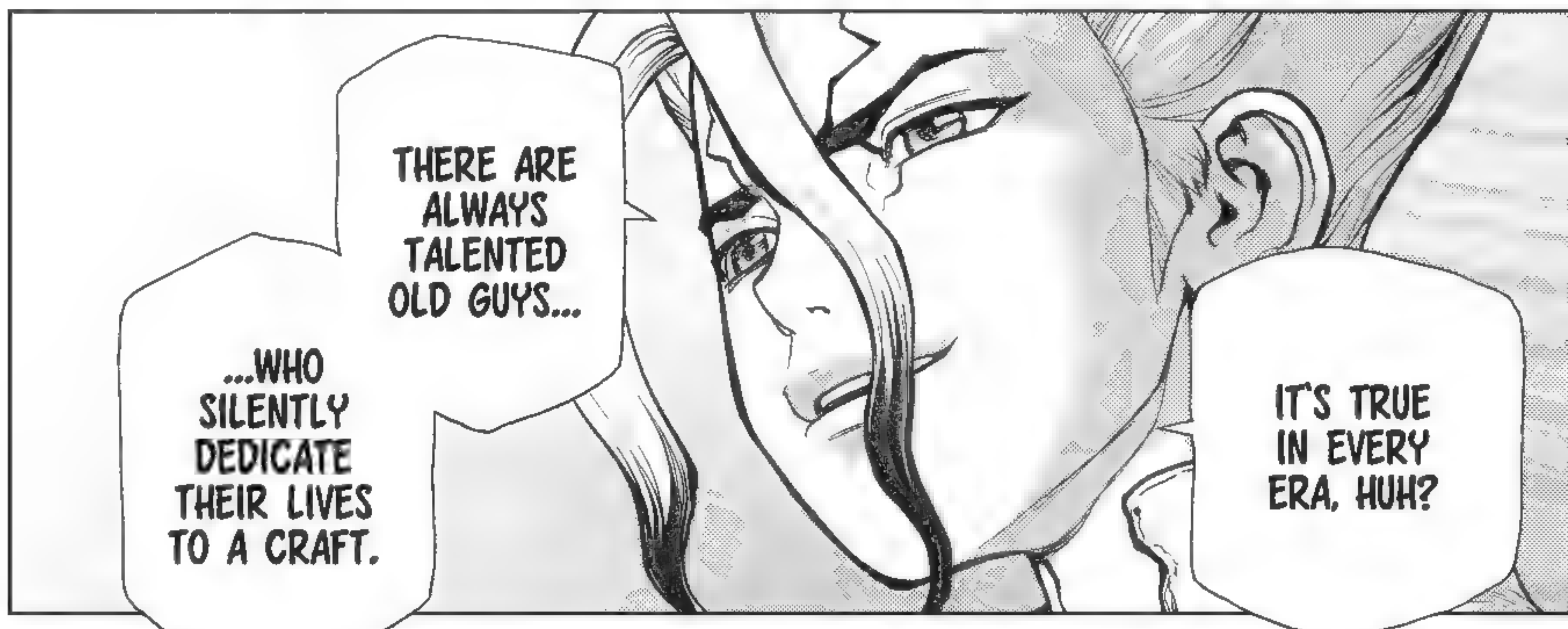
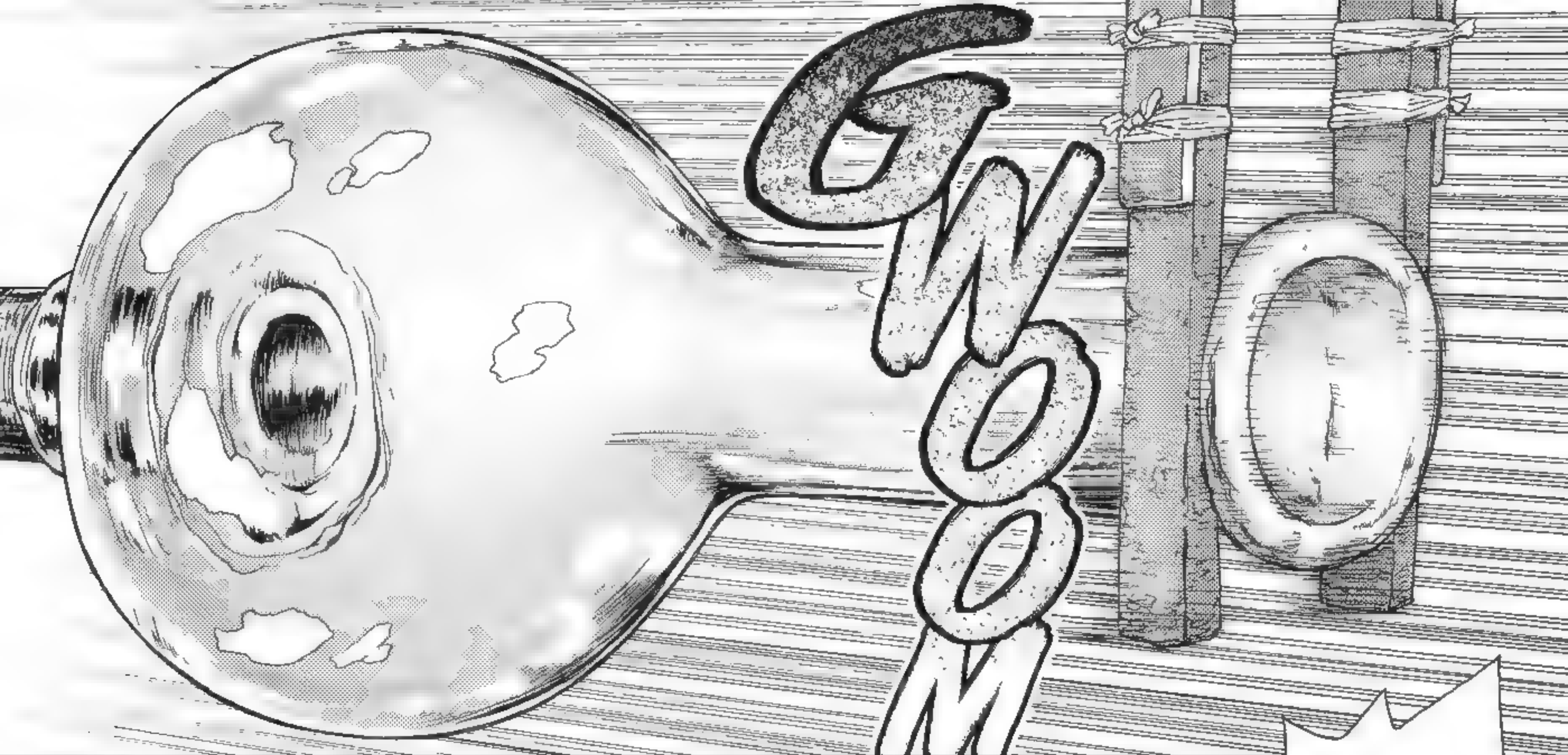
**LOOKIT  
THOSE  
MUSCLES...**

**WHOOAAAA!**







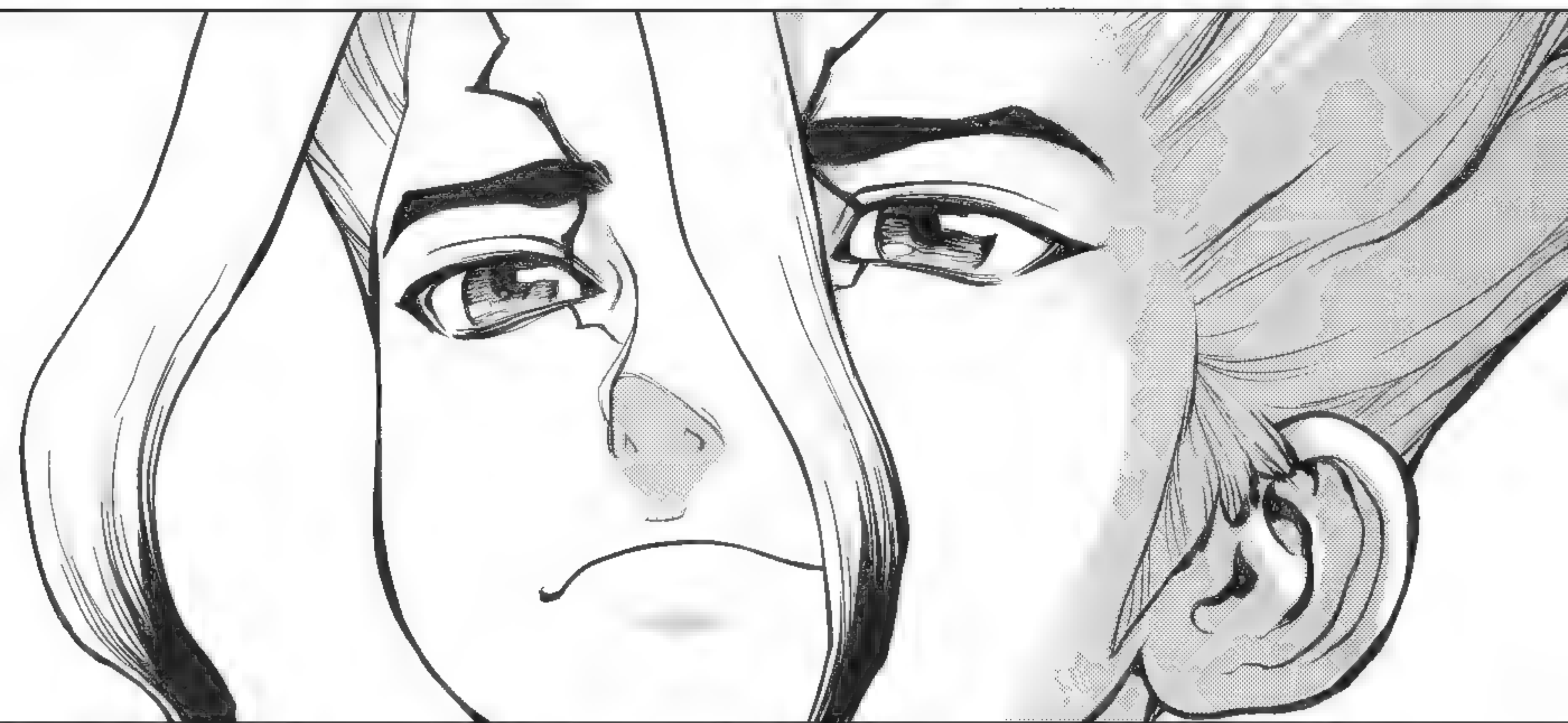
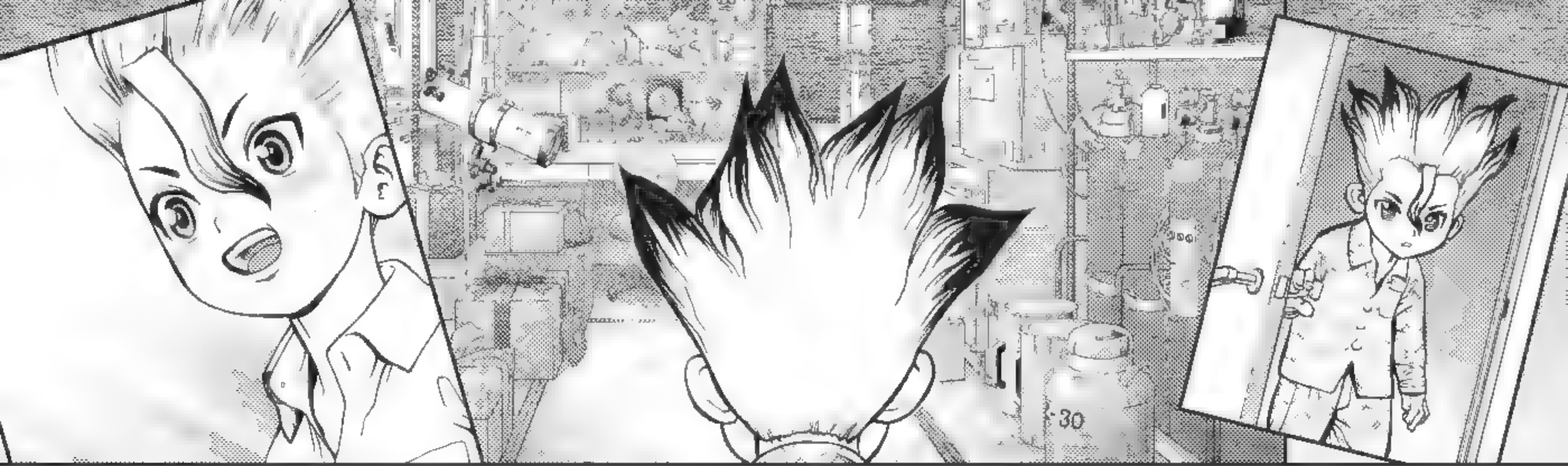




**Chemistry  
laboratory  
acquired!!**









# KINGDOM OF SCIENCE

# MAP

## LAB

FOR MAKING MYSTERIOUS  
CHEMICALS!

## SCIENCE STOREHOUSE

THE KINGDOM'S HQ!  
TREASURES ABOUND!

## DYNAMO

HAND-CRANKED  
ELECTRICITY! SUPER  
ECO-FRIENDLY!

## IRON FORGE

REQUIRES ALL THE  
LABOR WE CAN  
GET! WE AIM FOR  
1500 DEGREES!

## GLASS KILN

MAKES THE  
GLASS AS  
MOLDABLE  
AS CLAY!

## TRAINING GROUNDS

FRIENDSHIP, HARD  
WORK, VICTORY!

## RAMEN CART

THE GOURMET FOXTAIL FARE  
WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE!

## COOLING KILN

FOR COOLING  
GLASS, BUT NOT  
TOO QUICK!



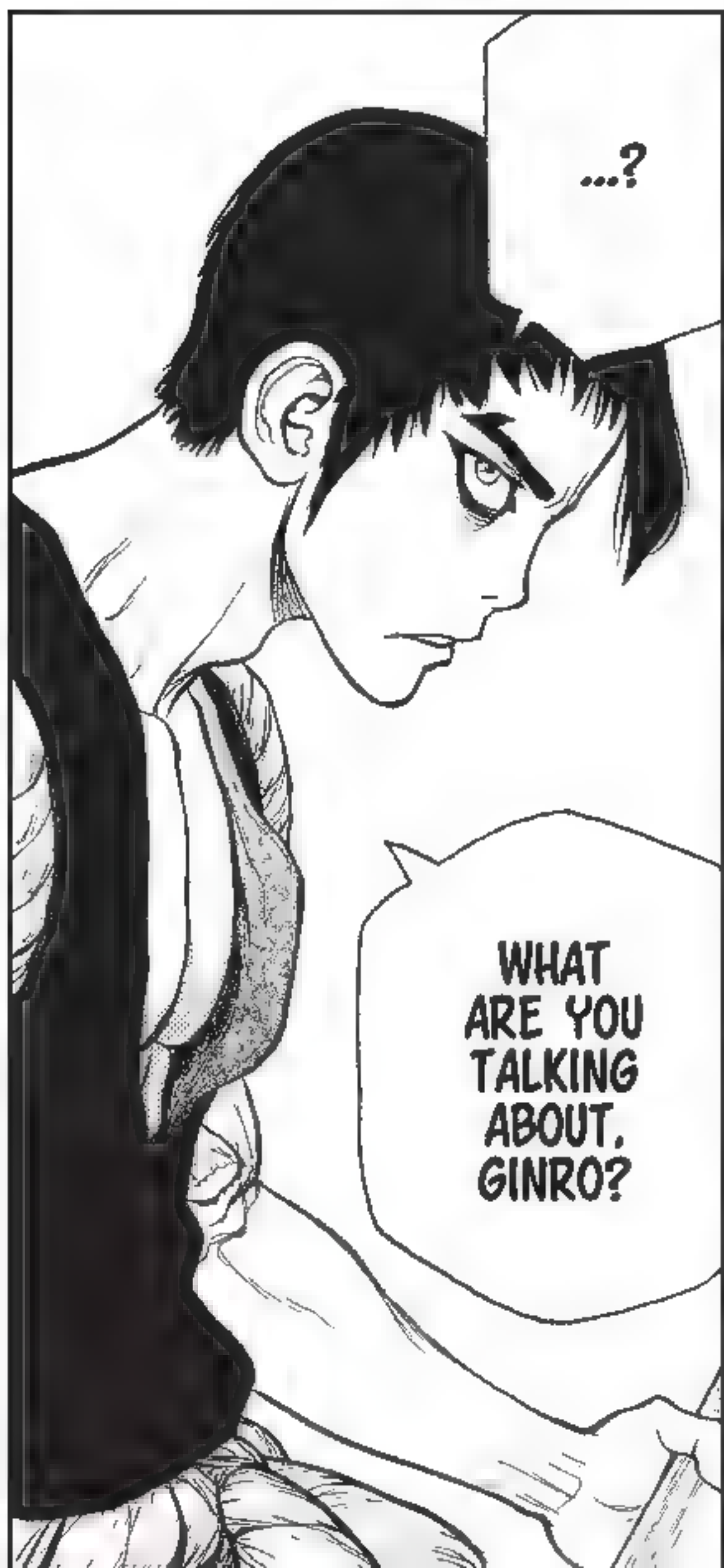


MAN, THE  
SORCERY  
SQUAD'S  
PRETTY  
LUCKY.

SPARKLE

ALL THOSE  
SPARKLY  
THINGS  
LOOK FUN.

MEANWHILE,  
WE'RE  
SLAVING  
AWAY OVER  
HERE...



...?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT,  
GINRO?



HEY, KINRO.  
WHAT IF...

...THE TIP OF  
YOUR SPEAR  
WAS ALL  
SHINY?

EVEN YOU,  
WITH YOUR  
FUZZY-EYE  
DISEASE...

...MIGHT  
BE ABLE  
TO JUDGE  
DISTANCE  
A LITTLE  
EASIER.









WITH A LAB  
AS GREAT  
AS THIS...

WOWEE,  
LOOKIT  
ALL THIS!

GLASS,  
YOU  
CALLED  
IT??

...COOKING  
UP SOME  
SPEARS FOR  
US SHOULD  
BE NO  
SWEAT!



TO BORROW  
YOUR CATCH-  
PHRASE,  
SENKU...

I DUNNO  
MUCH  
ABOUT  
FIGHTING,  
BUT...

...ARE  
THESE  
TWO BEING  
SERIOUS?

I'M TEN BILLION  
PERCENT SURE  
THESE TWO JUST  
WANT GOLD AND  
SILVER SPEARS.



...IT'S FINALLY  
TIME TO CLEAR  
THE BIGGEST  
HURDLE ON THE  
ROAD TO OUR  
PANACEA!

HOLD ON TO  
YOUR BUTTS, CUZ  
WE'RE OFF TO  
GET A CERTAIN  
INGREDIENT.

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
NOW THAT  
WE'VE GOT  
GLASSWARE...



OOH,  
TOUGH  
LUCK,  
KINRO.

MUST BE  
MY CHARM  
THAT MAKES  
PEOPLE  
DOTE  
ON ME.



ALL RIGHT,  
I'LL MAKE  
A SPEAR.  
BUT ONLY A  
SILVER ONE.





**DOPE? NOT  
EVEN ONE  
MILLIMETER.  
FOOL.**

**THE PRICE  
I'M CHARGING  
IS SO HIGH  
YOU MIGHT  
LITERALLY DIE.**



**HUH??**

**...WHERE  
ONE WRONG  
MOVE MEANS  
INSTANT  
DEATH.**

**YOU'RE  
HEADED  
FOR A  
RIDICULOUSLY  
DANGEROUS  
PLACE...**

**I'M GONNA  
NEED YOU  
TO PUT  
YOUR LIFE  
ON THE LINE  
FOR THIS!!**





YOU TORE  
THOSE  
ROPES LIKE  
IT WAS  
NOTHING.

CUZ I'M  
A NICE  
GUY.

YOU  
OUGHTA  
RESPECT  
THAT,  
YOUNGSTER.

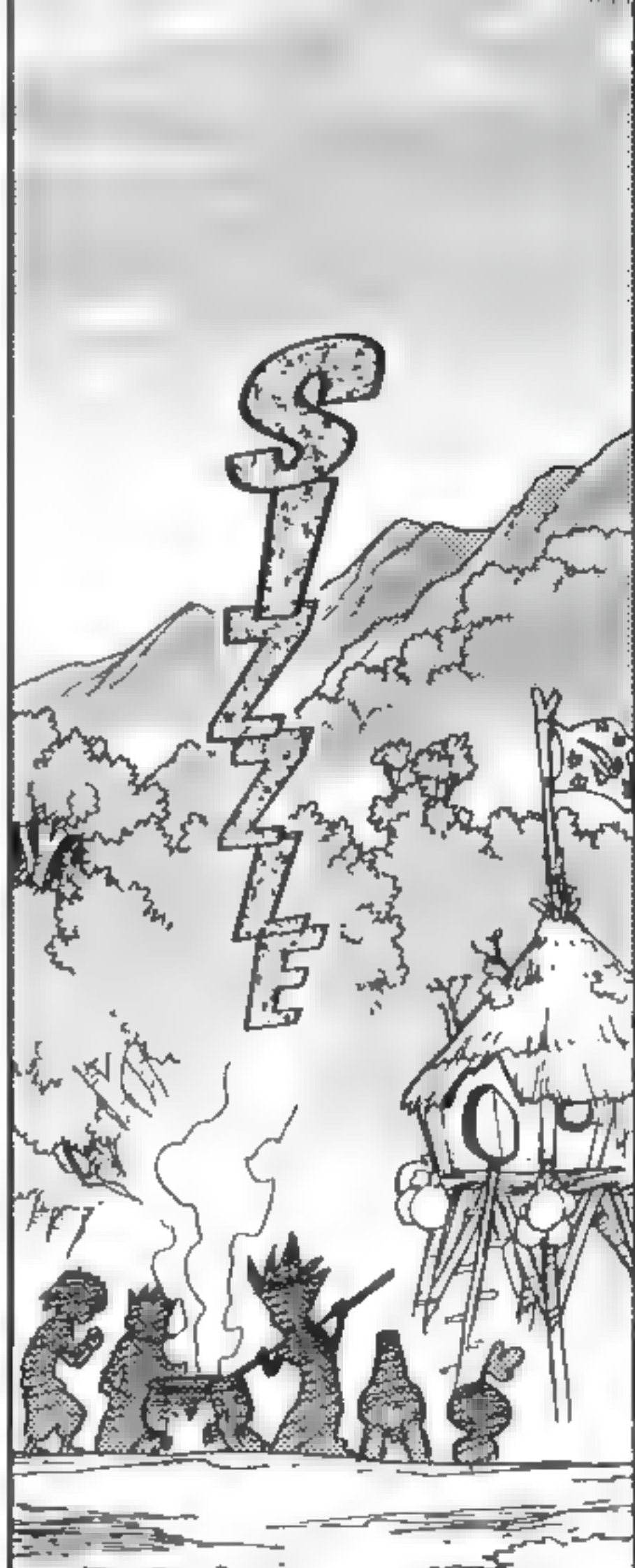


SO WHY'D  
YOU LET  
YOURSELF  
GET CAUGHT  
IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE?!

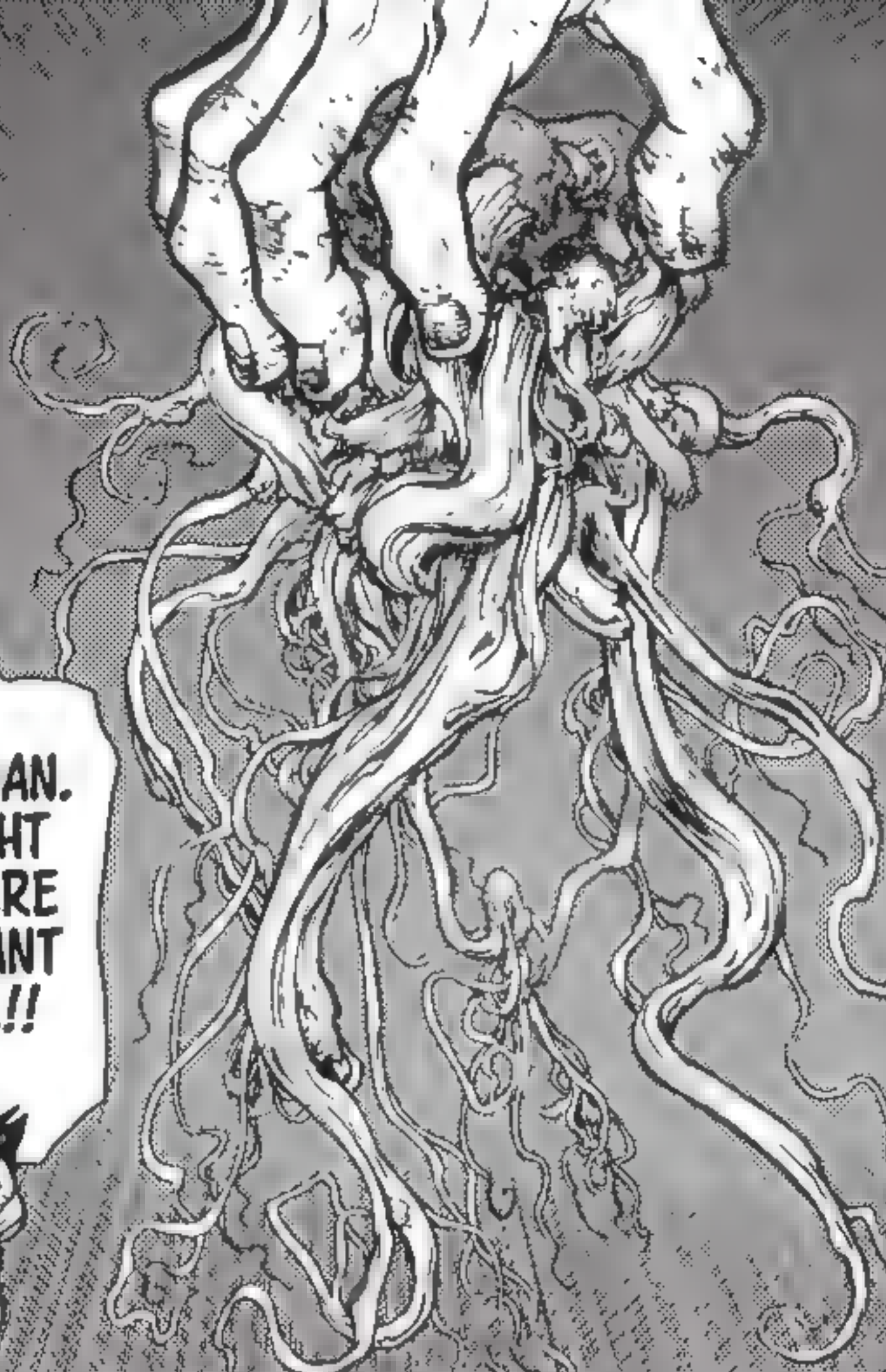








BAAAD. MAN.  
I THOUGHT  
THEY WERE  
JUST PLANT  
ROOTS....!!



OH...  
SO THOSE  
THIN, HAIRY  
THINGS ARE  
SILVER?

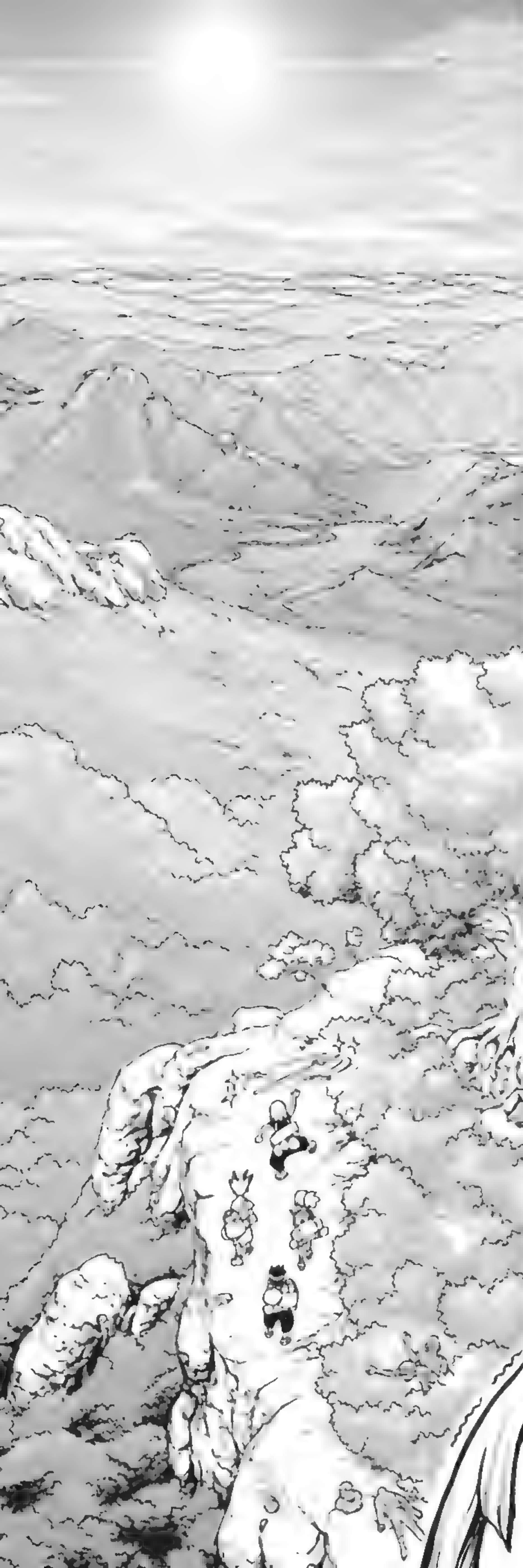


MY SILVER  
SPEARRRR!!

THANK  
YOU!!

THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH,  
SENKU!!









YOU  
SAID THIS  
IS GONNA  
BE SUPER  
DANGEROUS,  
RIGHT? I'M  
READY FOR  
ANYTHING.

HEY, THIS  
IS THE HOT  
SPRING AREA  
I FETCH  
WATER FROM,  
ISN'T IT?

THE  
DANGER'S  
YET TO  
COME.



BECAUSE  
IF THAT  
SPARKLY  
SILVER  
SPEAR...

...TURNS  
BLACK  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN...



STOP  
PLAYING  
AROUND  
AND KEEP  
THE SPEAR  
POINTED  
FORWARD!

GINRO.

TUG



KEEP YOUR  
EYES ON  
THE TIP,  
OKAY?

THAT  
SILVER'S  
GONNA  
ACT AS A  
SENSOR.

IT'S WHY  
I MADE  
IT IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE.





...BEFORE  
YOU'RE  
DEAD.

YOU'VE  
ONLY GOT  
A FEW  
SECONDS...

DUM

BA-



AT  
WHICH POINT  
YOU'D BETTER  
HIGHTAIL IT  
OUTTA THERE  
IN 0.1  
SECONDS!

AND  
WE'LL BE  
RIGHT  
BEHIND  
YOU!





OUR GOAL?

THERE'S NO DOUBT...

OUR GOAL SHOULD BE UPSTREAM FROM HERE!



NOPE.

NOTHING BUT THIS EMERALD GREEN CHATSUBOMI-GOKE MOSS.

NOT A FISH TO BE FOUND IN THIS RIVER, HUH?



DAMMIT GINRO! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE SENSOR! WHAT'RE YOU DOING WALKING BEHIND US?!

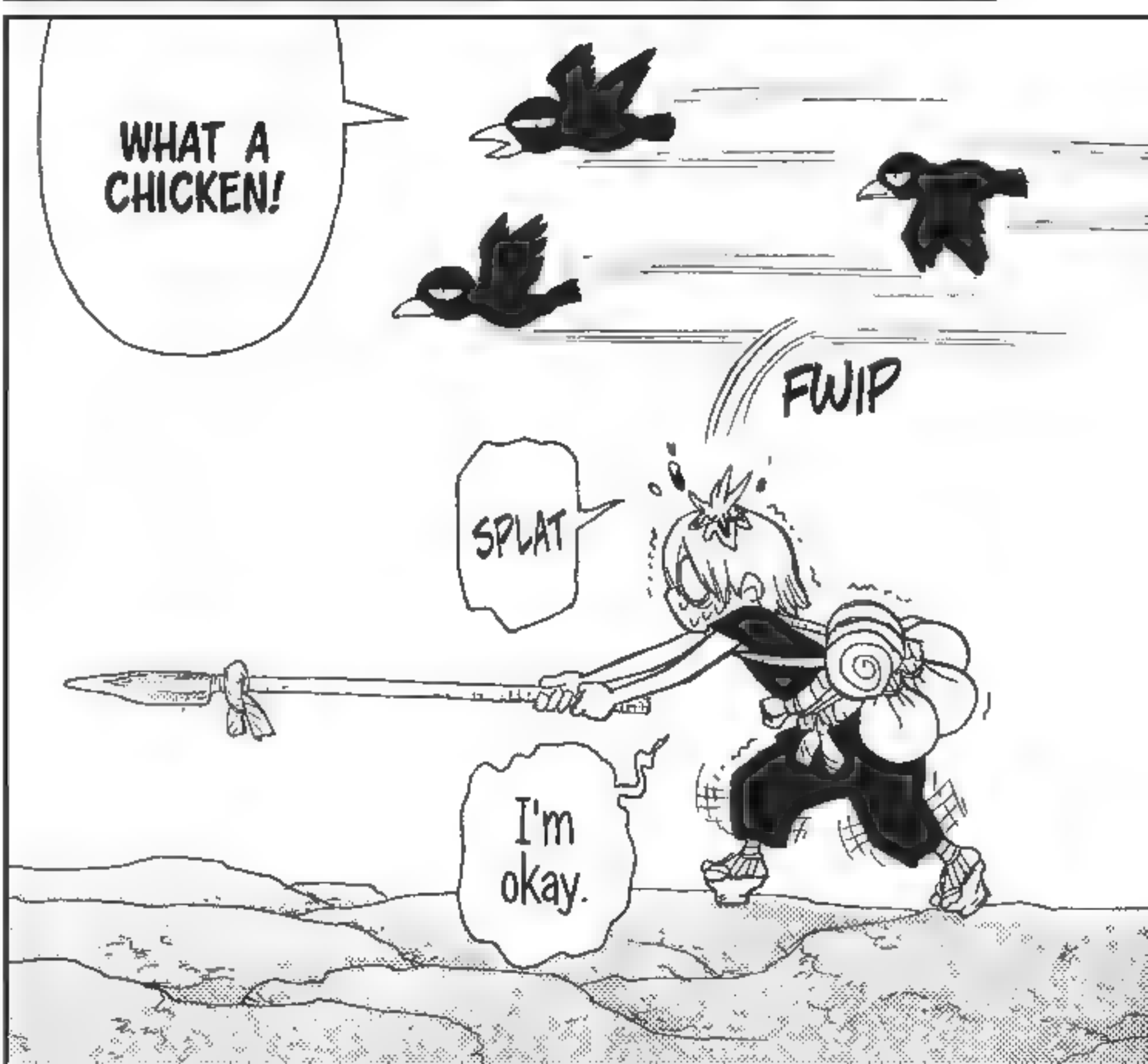
B-BUT YOU SAID WE COULD DIE, SO...

THIS IS REALLY SCARY!!



I'm okay. No black yet.

I'm okay.



WHAT A CHICKEN!

SPLAT

I'm okay.

FWIP





WANT TO  
SWITCH? I  
CAN HANDLE  
THE SPEAR.



CHROME.



IT'S JUST  
SO...



YEP.  
SURE  
ENOUGH.







**AN  
EMERALD-  
GREEN  
SPRING!!**

**DIVINE!**

**BEAUTIFUL!**





...LIKE HYDROGEN SULFIDE AND SULFUR DIOXIDE.

THERE ARE TOXIC GASES IN THE AREA...

...WHICH MEANS THEY ACCUMULATE IN THIS BASIN.

AND THEY'RE HEAVIER THAN AIR...

BUT THE TOPOGRAPHY'S A LITTLE CONCERNING.

WAIT, THIS ISN'T IT, SENKU?

THUD

WE'VE COME TO TAKE SOME OF THIS GREEN LIQUID.

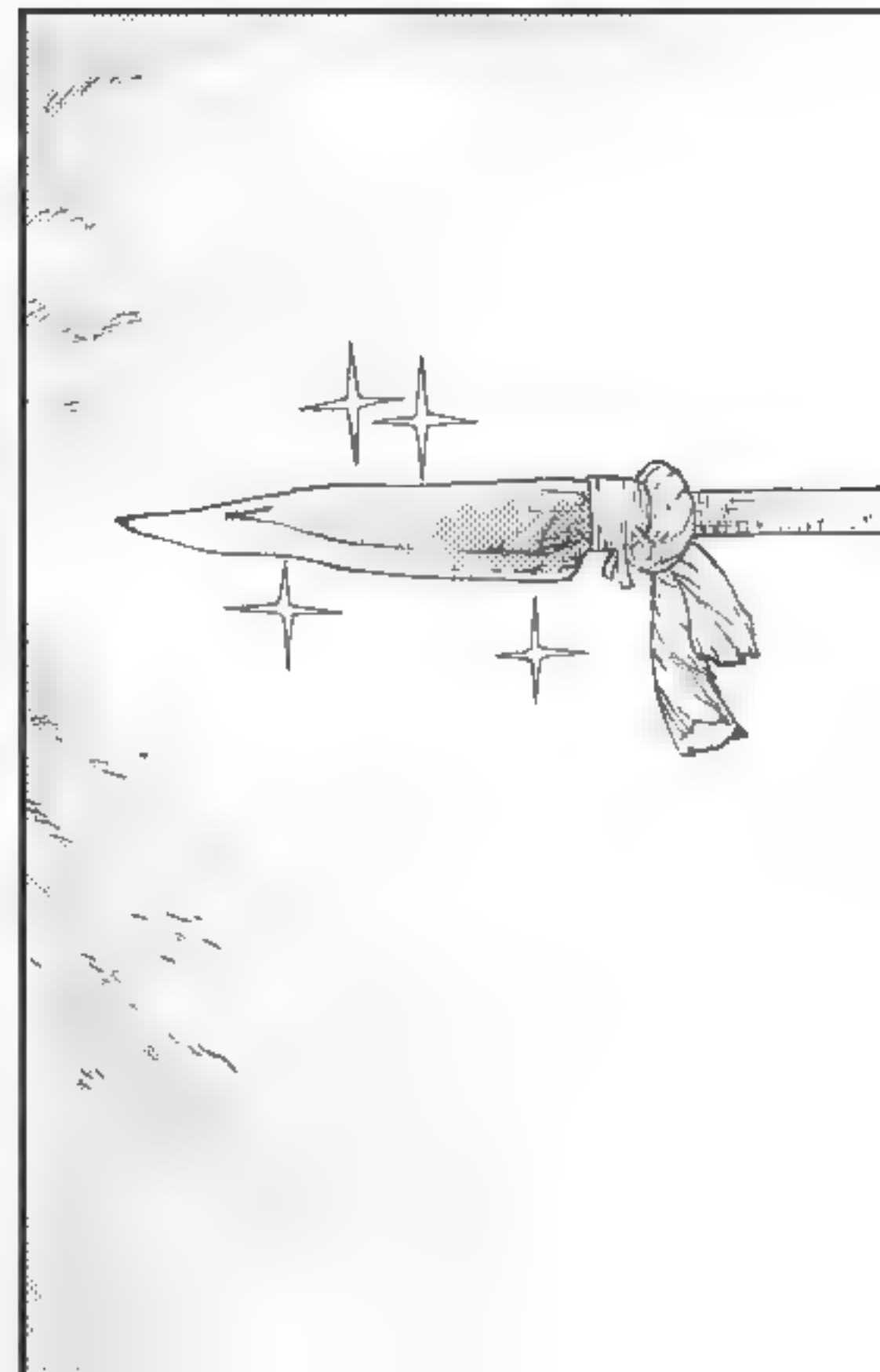
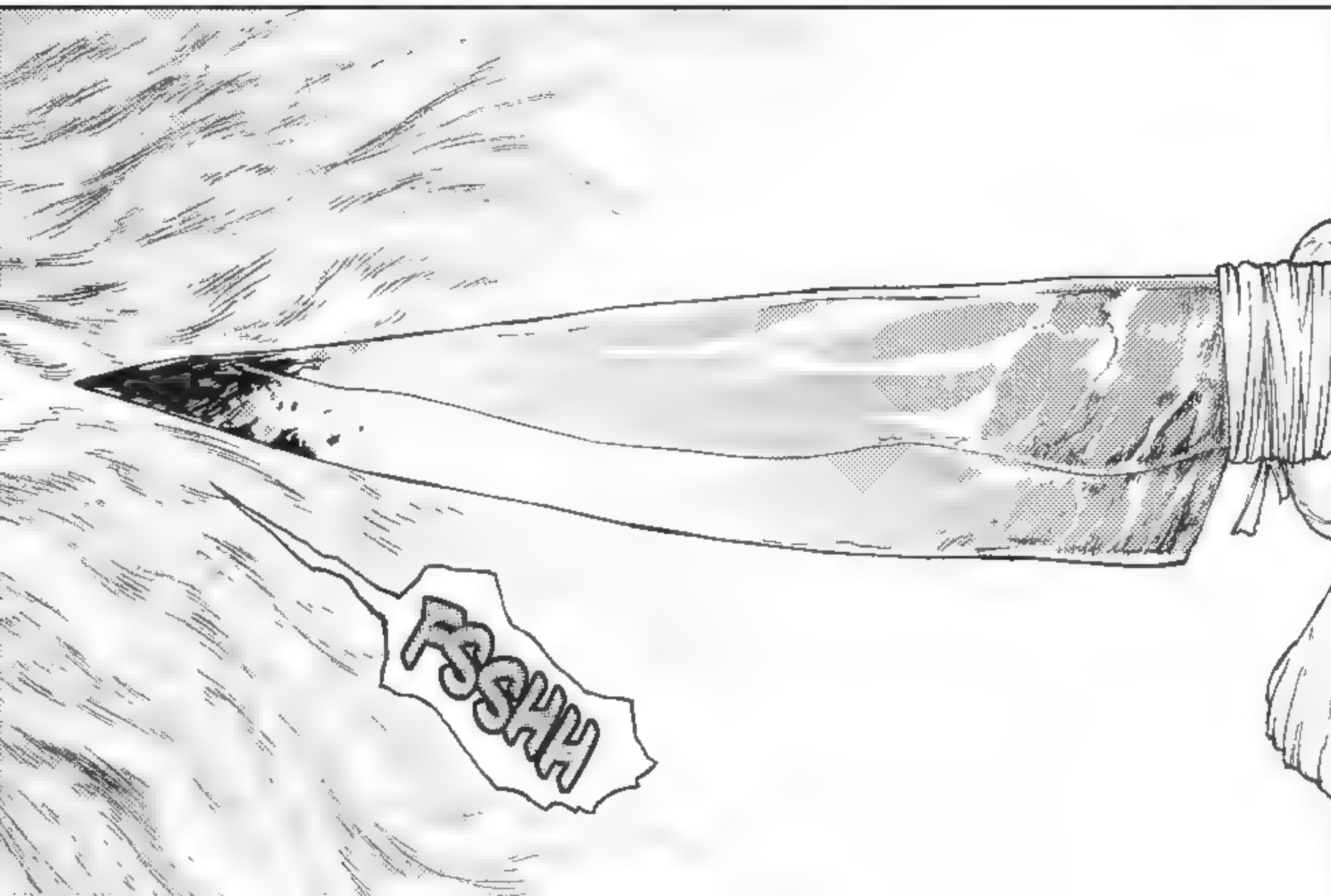
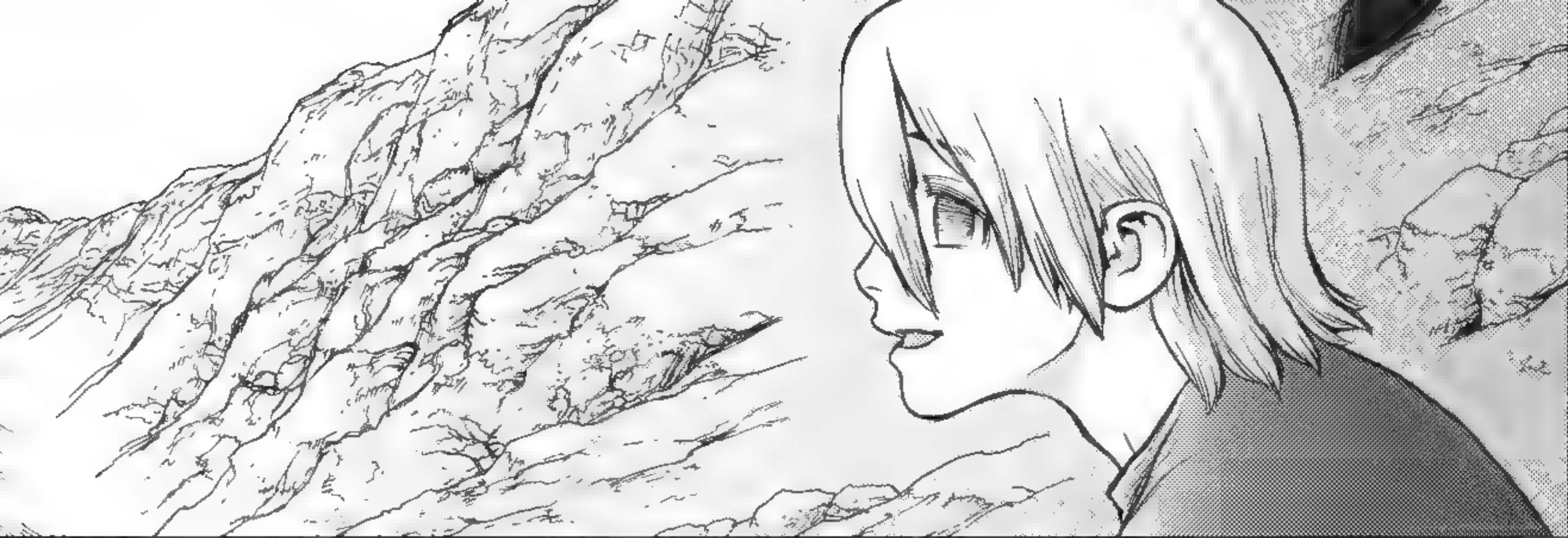
NAH, IT IS. THIS IS PERFECT.



YEAH. SILVER REACTS WITH HYDROGEN SULFIDE AND TURNS BLACK INSTANTLY...

OHH, SO DOES THAT SILVER SPEAR DETECT TOXIC GAS?!



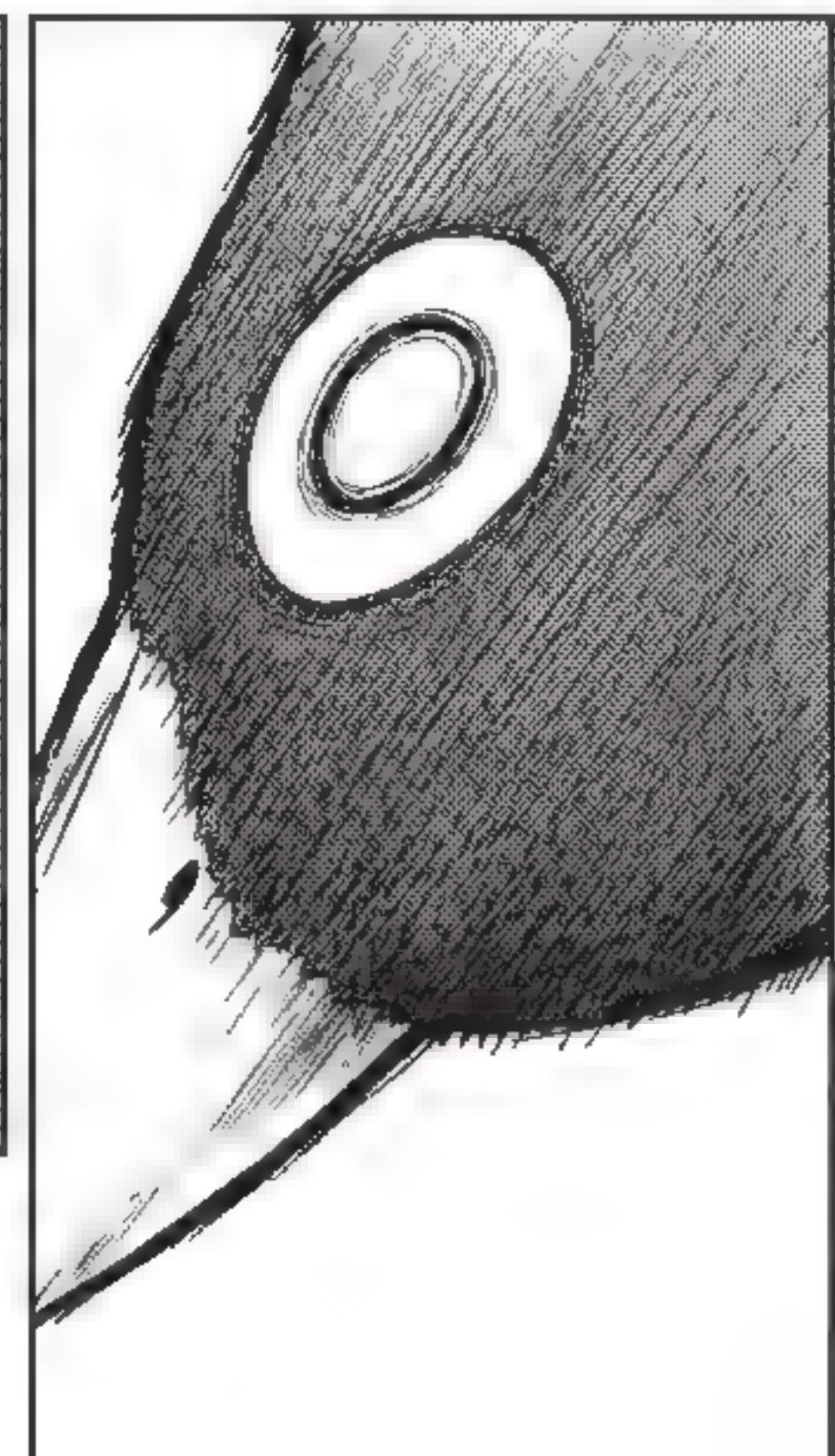
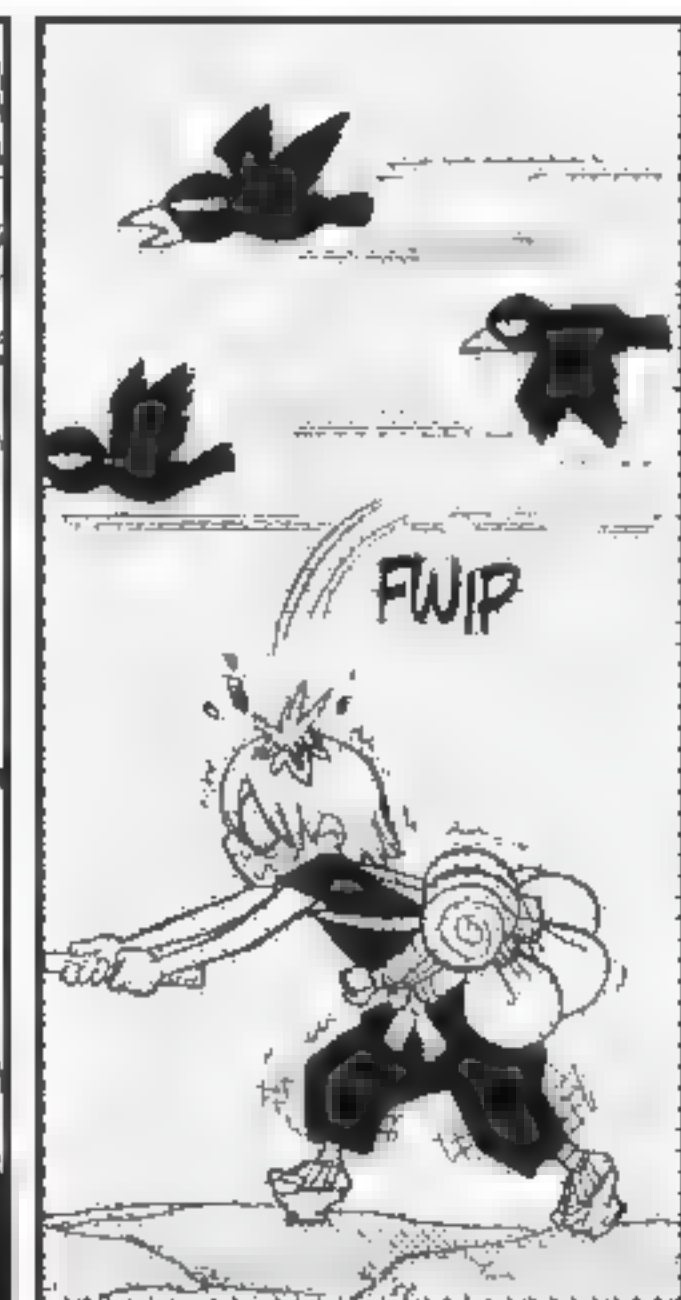






GET  
AWAY  
FROM  
THERE,  
GINRO  
!!







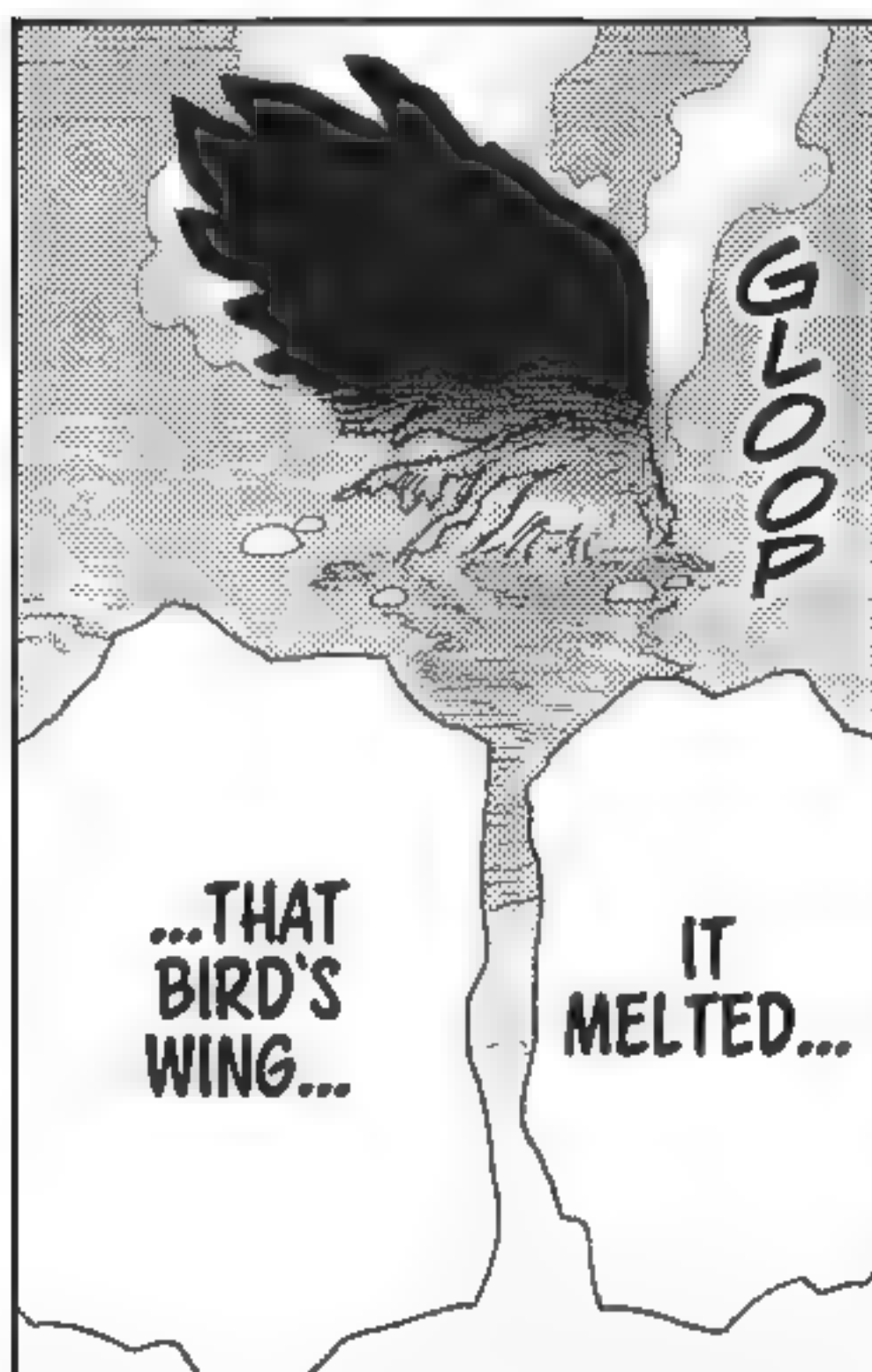


**JUST  
ONE  
MORE  
STEP...**

**...AND  
WE COULD  
HAVE  
BEEN  
TOGETHER  
FOREVER!**



**HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW  
??**



**...THAT  
BIRD'S  
WING...**

**IT  
MELTED...**



**CALM  
DOWN!  
THERE'S  
NOBODY  
THERE!**

**WAHHH!  
GET  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME!**

**THERE'S  
NO ONE,  
GINRO!!**





**SENKU  
...?!**

**WHAT'S  
UP WITH  
THAT?**

**THE WATER  
IN THIS  
SPRING?**

**...THROUGH  
RESEARCH  
ON  
ALCHEMY.**

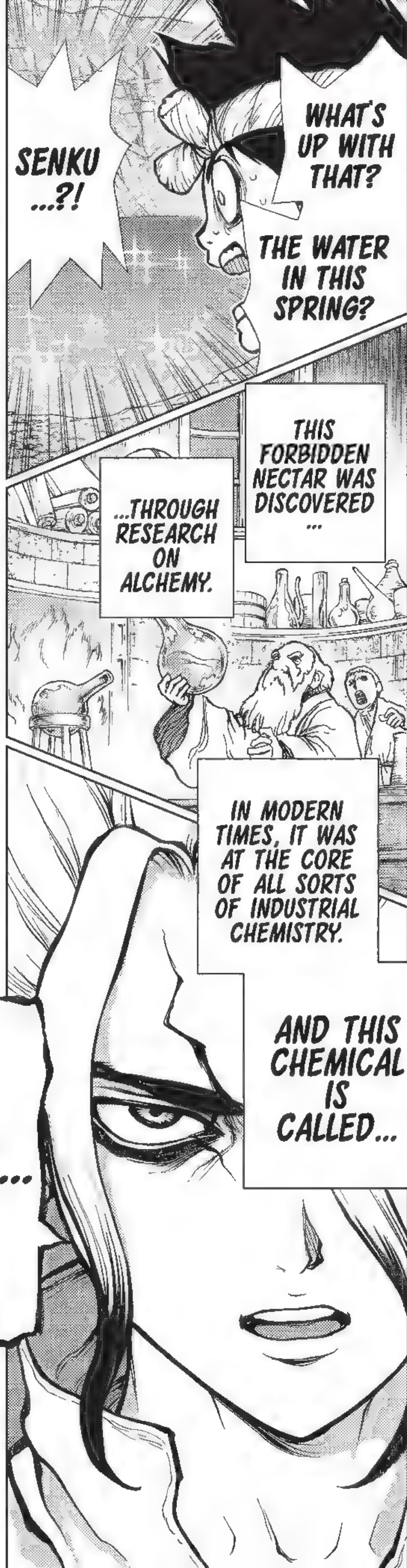
**THIS  
FORBIDDEN  
NECTAR WAS  
DISCOVERED  
...**

**IN MODERN  
TIMES, IT WAS  
AT THE CORE  
OF ALL SORTS  
OF INDUSTRIAL  
CHEMISTRY.**

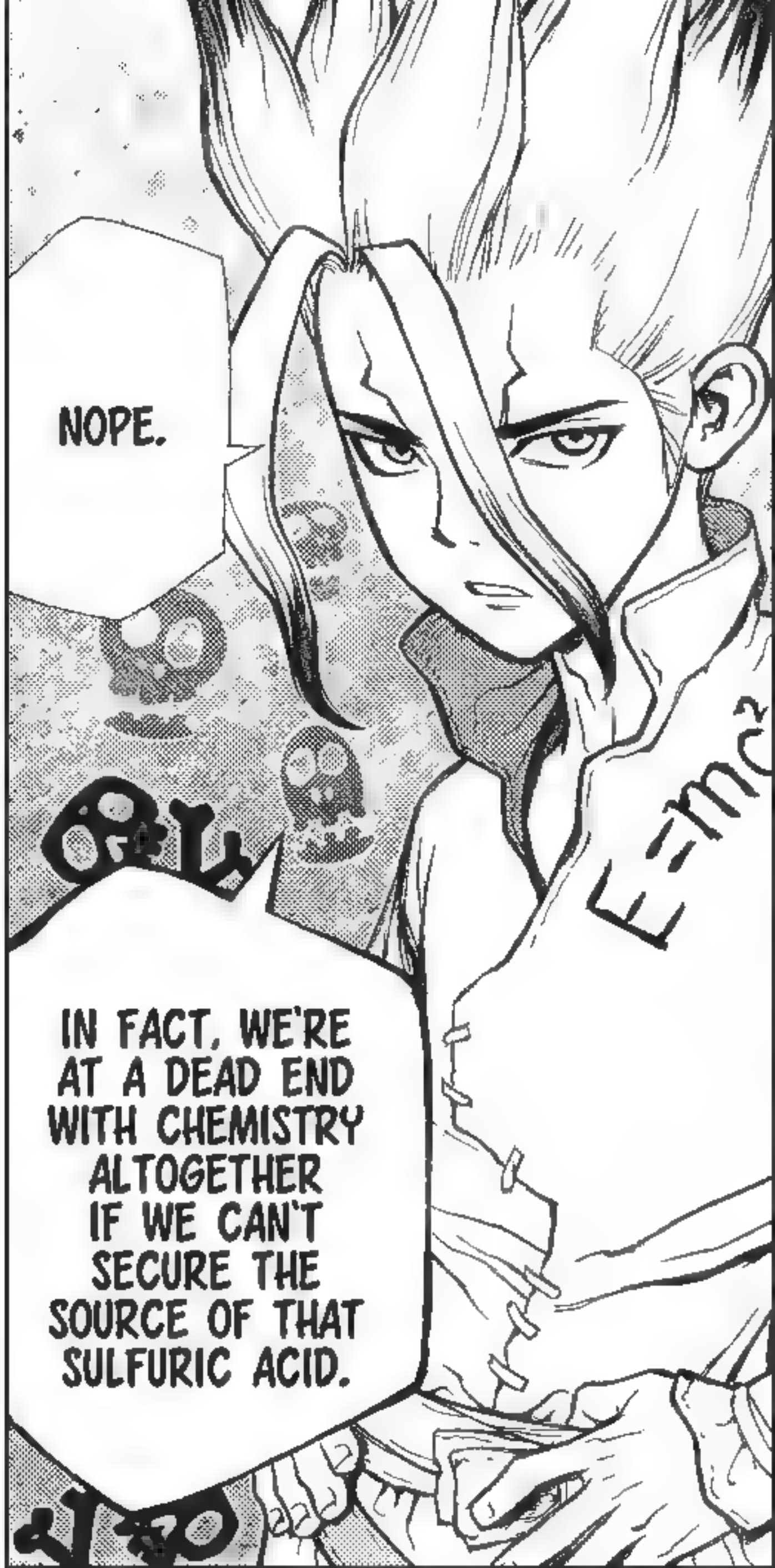
**AND THIS  
CHEMICAL  
IS  
CALLED...**

**SULFURIC...**

**...ACID!!**







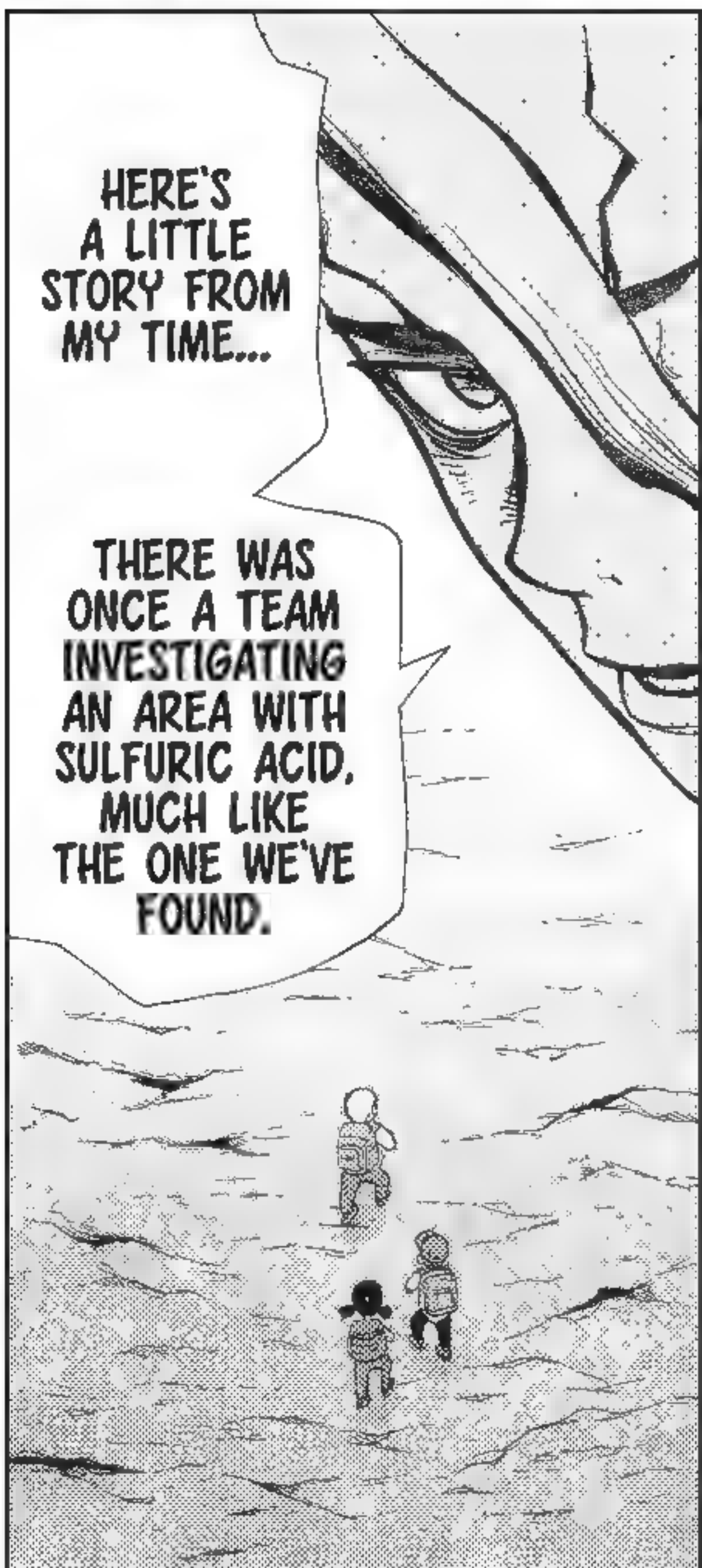
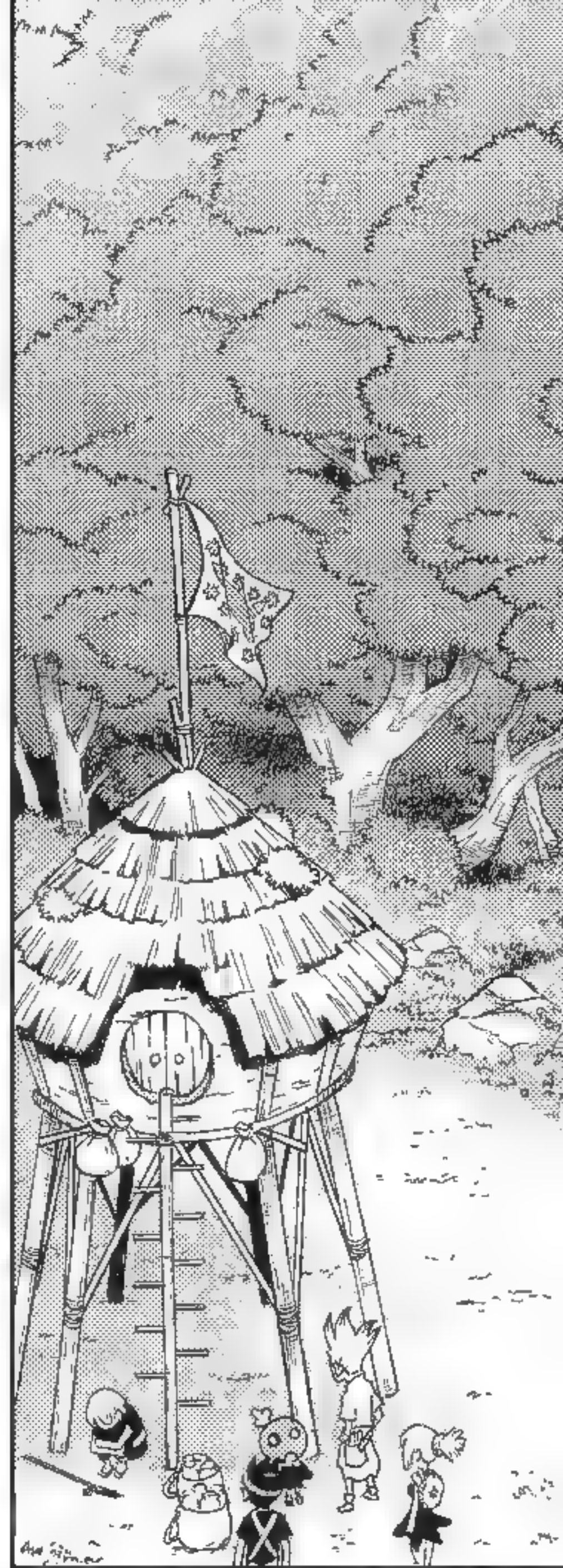
NOPE.

IN FACT, WE'RE  
AT A DEAD END  
WITH CHEMISTRY  
ALTOGETHER  
IF WE CAN'T  
SECURE THE  
SOURCE OF THAT  
SULFURIC ACID.



...WE CAN'T  
MAKE  
RURI'S  
PANACEA?

SO  
WITHOUT  
THAT  
SULFURIC  
ACID  
STUFF...



HERE'S  
A LITTLE  
STORY FROM  
MY TIME...

THERE WAS  
ONCE A TEAM  
INVESTIGATING  
AN AREA WITH  
SULFURIC ACID,  
MUCH LIKE  
THE ONE WE'VE  
FOUND.

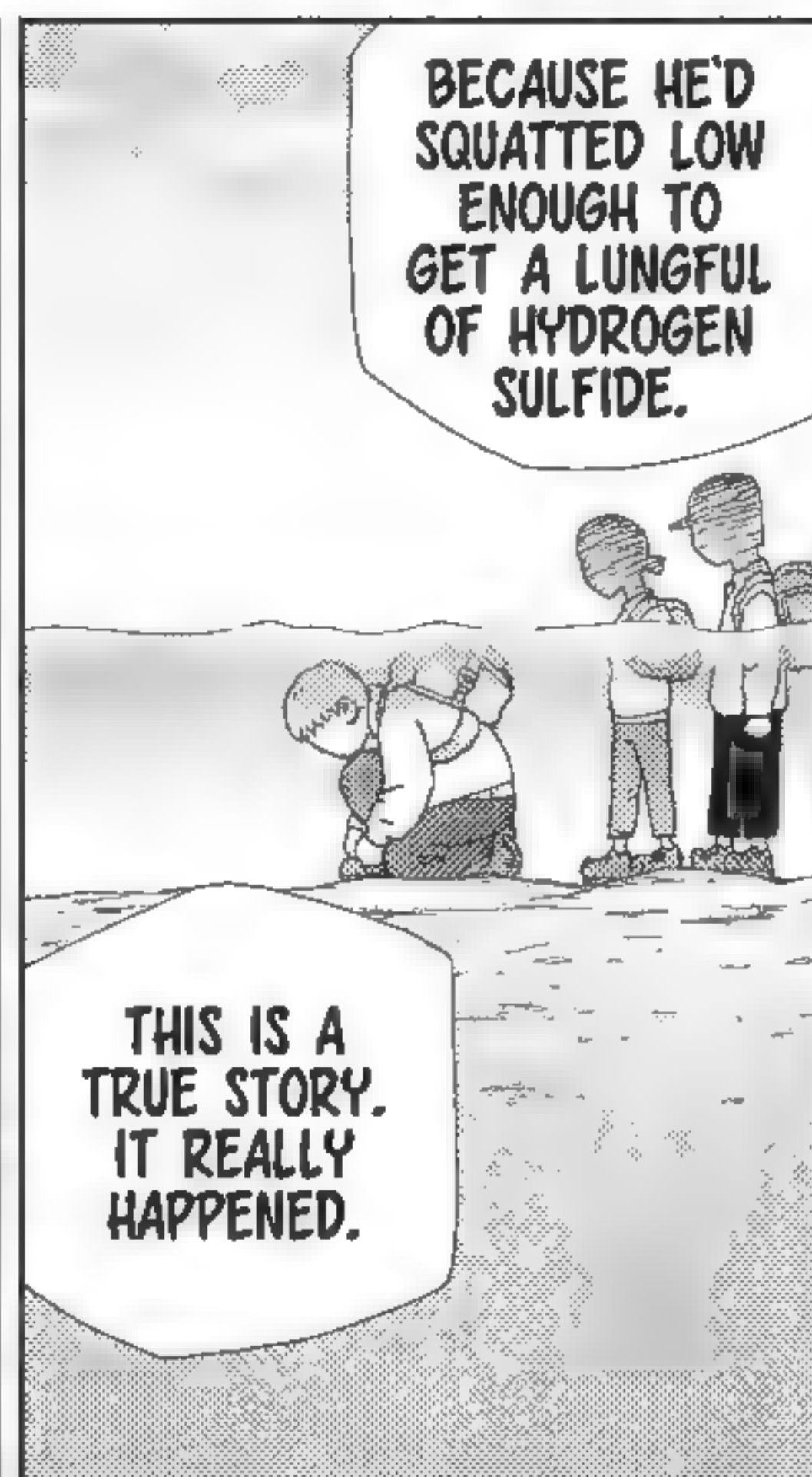
I  
SHOULD  
BE FAST  
ENOUGH  
TO...

I'LL RISK  
MY LIFE AS  
MANY TIMES  
AS IT TAKES  
TO SAVE MY  
SISTER!

WE'LL  
JUST HAVE  
TO TAKE A  
BRUTE-FORCE  
APPROACH!












**...GAS  
MASKS!!**

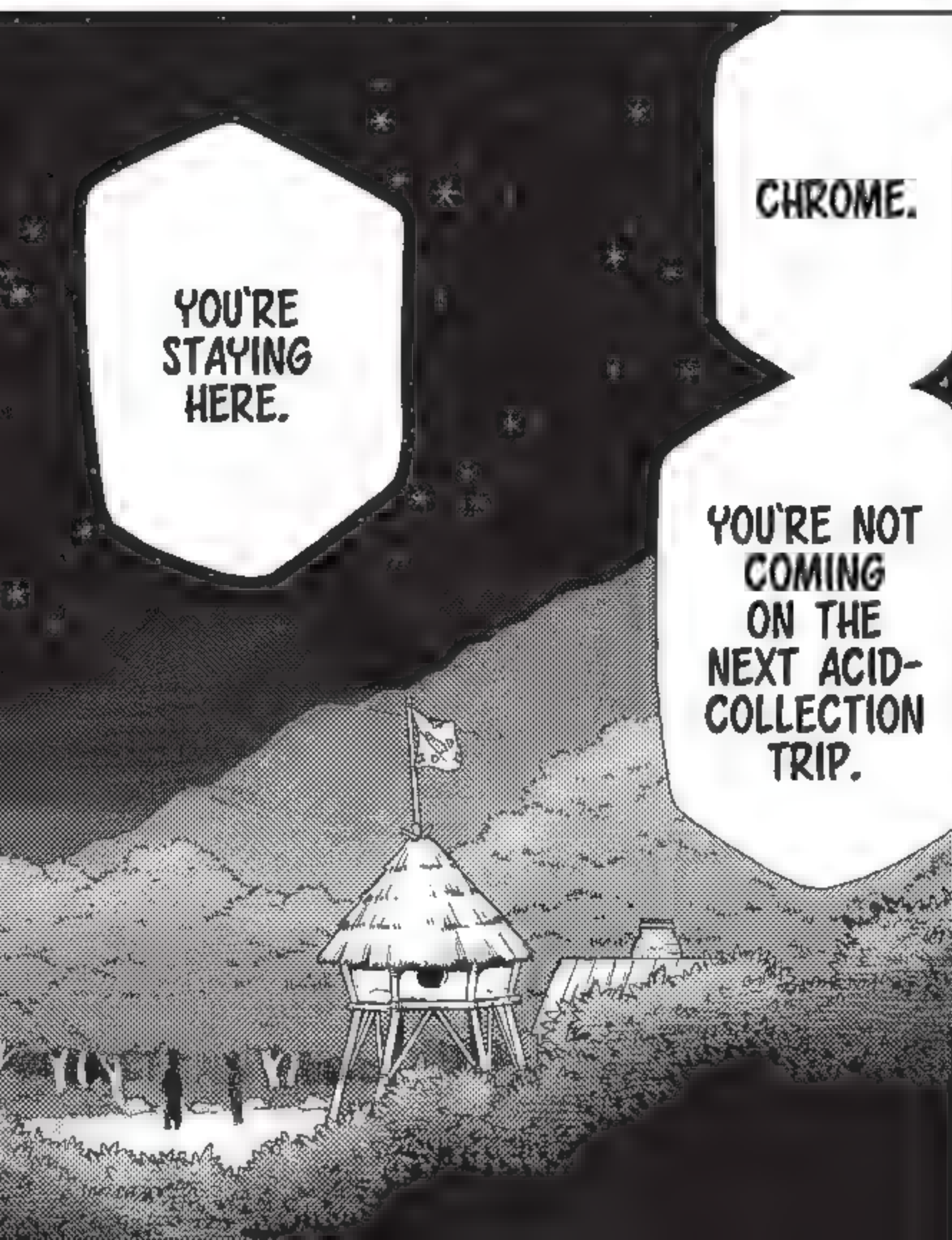
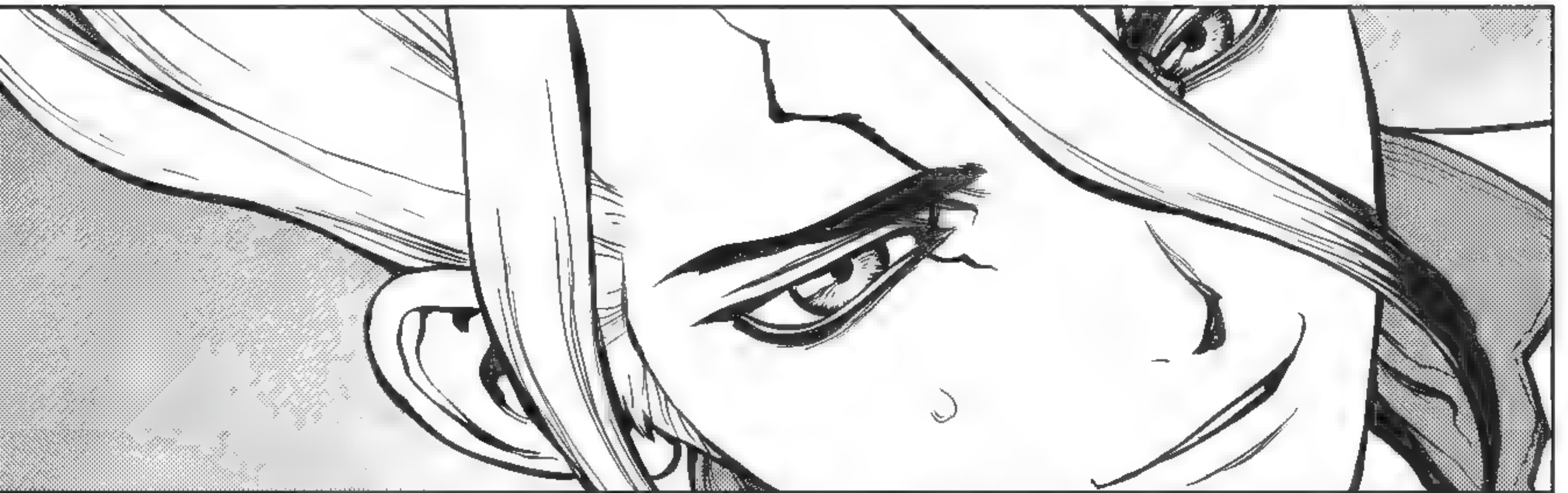
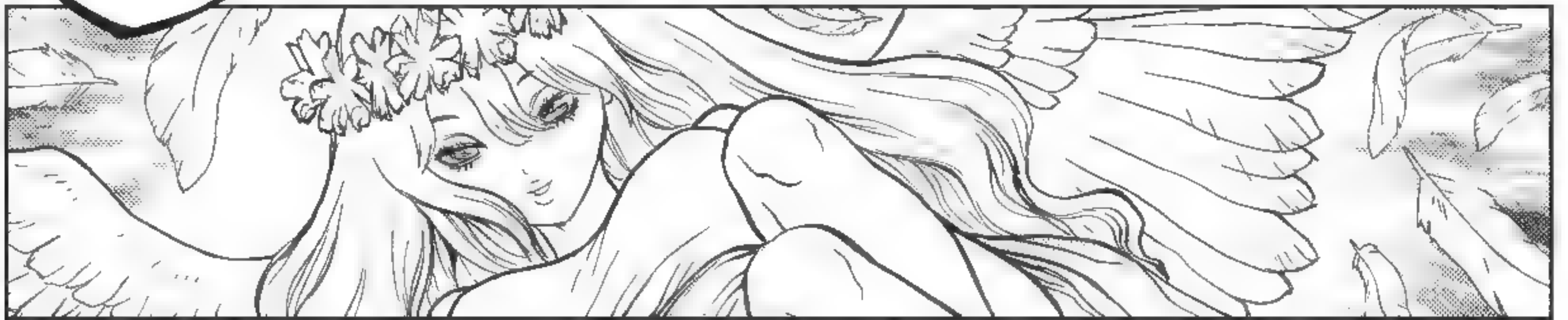
**WE  
GOTTA  
MAKE...**



**...IS TO  
FIGHT BACK  
WITH SOME  
CHEMISTRY  
OF OUR  
OWN!**

**THE SUREST  
WAY TO BEAT  
A CHEMICAL  
ENEMY...**







ALL TWO  
MILLION  
YEARS OF  
HUMANITY'S  
SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRESS!!

SO LISTEN  
WELL,  
CHROME.

BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO  
INHERIT  
ALL I'VE  
GOT.

SHUT  
UP AND  
LISTEN.

THESE  
GAS MASKS  
ARE NO  
GUARANTEE.

HUH?!  
WHERE'S  
THIS  
COMING  
FROM...?

IF THE TWO  
SCIENTISTS  
HERE BOTH  
BITE THE  
BIG ONE...

...WHO'S  
GONNA SAVE  
RURI?

IT'S TRUE  
THAT ALL  
PEOPLE DIE  
SOONER OR  
LATER.

BUT THEIR  
KNOWLEDGE  
NEVER  
DIES.

IT'S BEEN  
PASSED  
DOWN...

...FOR TWO  
MILLION  
YEARS.



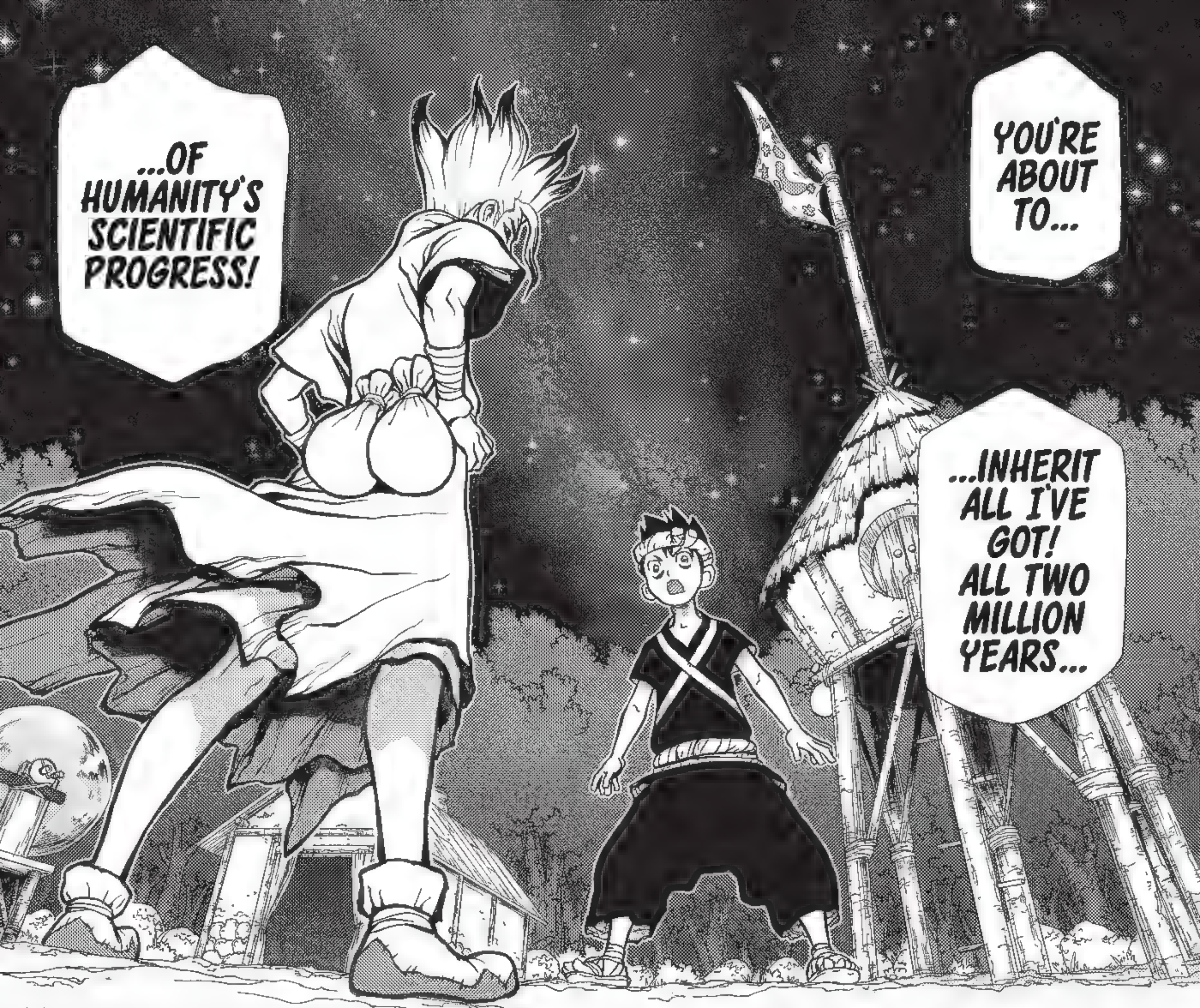




## 7-31: Friends Have Each Other's Backs







...OF  
HUMANITY'S  
SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRESS!

YOU'RE  
ABOUT  
TO...

...INHERIT  
ALL I'VE  
GOT!  
ALL TWO  
MILLION  
YEARS...



I'M NOT  
PLANNING  
TO DIE  
EVEN ONE  
MILLIMETER,  
SO RELAX.

OH, YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
SWEETIE...

WHAT'RE  
YOU, MY  
GIRLFRIEND?

WAIT,  
WAIT, WAIT!  
WHERE'S  
THIS COMING  
FROM?!

Y'CAN'T  
JUST COME OUT  
AND DESIGNATE  
ME AS YOUR  
SUCCESSOR.  
THAT'S BAD LUCK!



...WOULD  
BE LOST TO  
HUMANITY!

ALL OF  
SCIENCE...



STILL,  
IN ORDER  
TO CURE  
RURI...

...WE GOTTA  
UNDERTAKE  
THIS SUICIDE  
MISSION IN  
THE TOXIC  
GAS ZONE...

...TO GET  
SOME  
SULFURIC  
ACID.



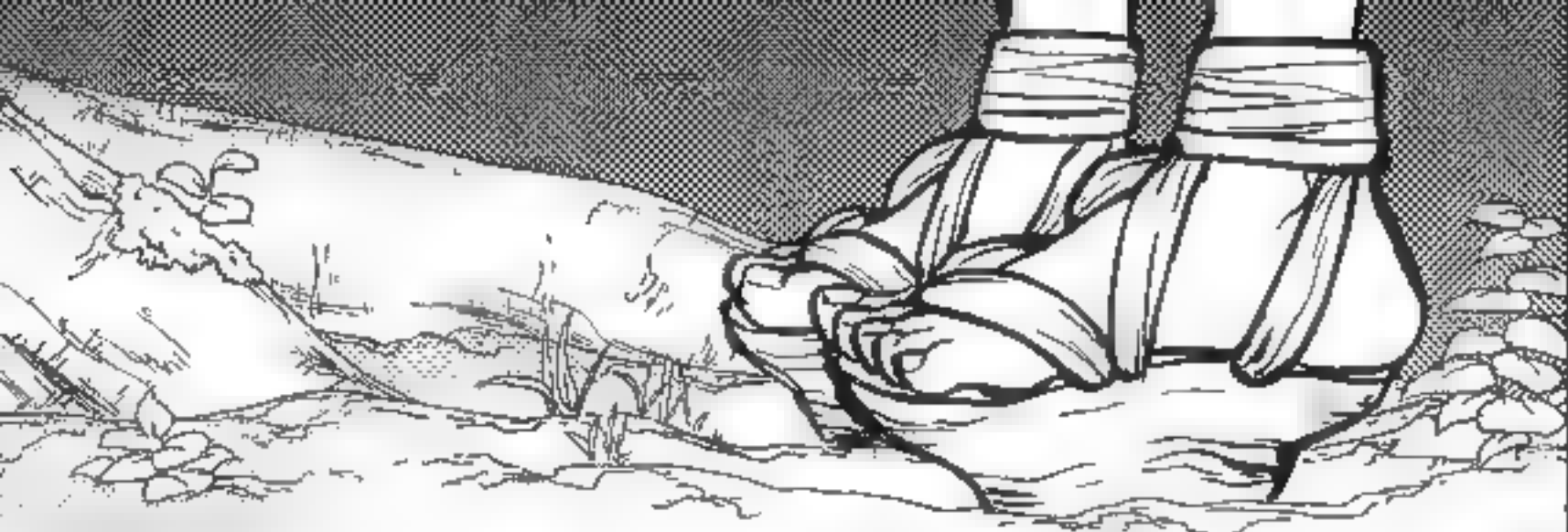
IF, AGAINST  
ALL ODDS,  
BOTH OF US  
WERE TO  
BITE THE  
BIG ONE...

IN THAT  
MOMENT...

YEAH.  
AFTER I FILL  
YOUR HEAD  
WITH ALL MY  
SCIENTIFIC  
KNOWLEDGE.

SO I'M  
STAYING  
HOME  
IN CASE  
YOU DIE,  
SENKU?





**I AIN'T  
INHERITING  
ANYTHING!**

**NOT  
LIKE THIS  
ANYWAY!**

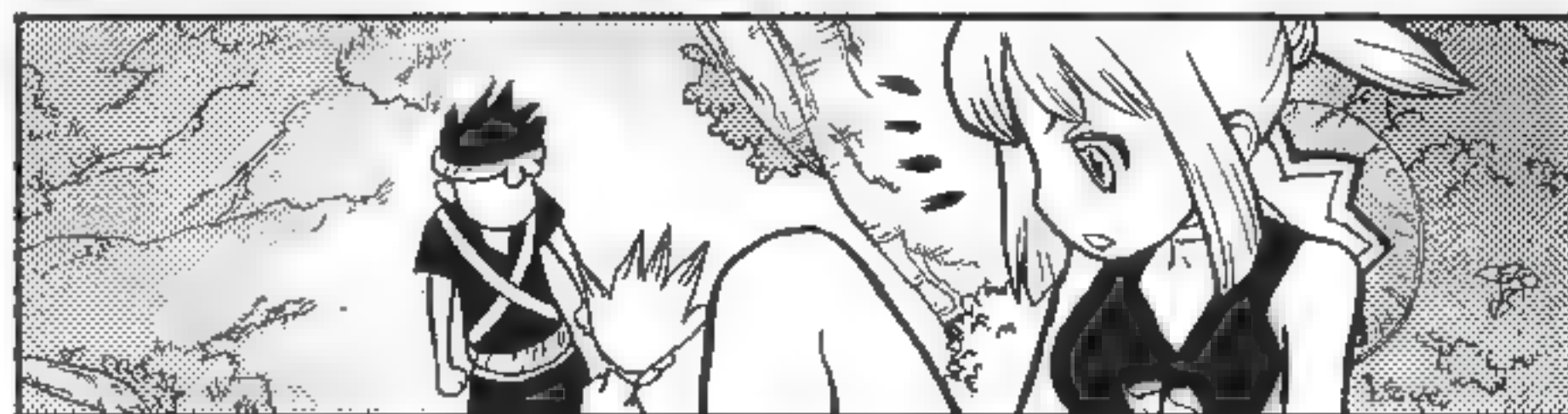


**THAT'S  
NOT IT.**

**WHAT A  
BABY. ARE  
YOU GONNA  
SULK JUST  
CUZ YOU  
GOTTA STAY  
BEHIND?**



**HUH??**



**...THEN  
I AIN'T  
LIFTING A  
FINGER TO  
HELP!!**

**IF  
THAT'S  
THE  
PLAN,  
HERE...**

**"IT'S OKAY  
IF MY  
FRIEND  
DIES!!"**





TEN  
BILLION  
PERCENT!

SO NOW  
YOU HAVE  
TO COME  
BACK  
ALIVE!

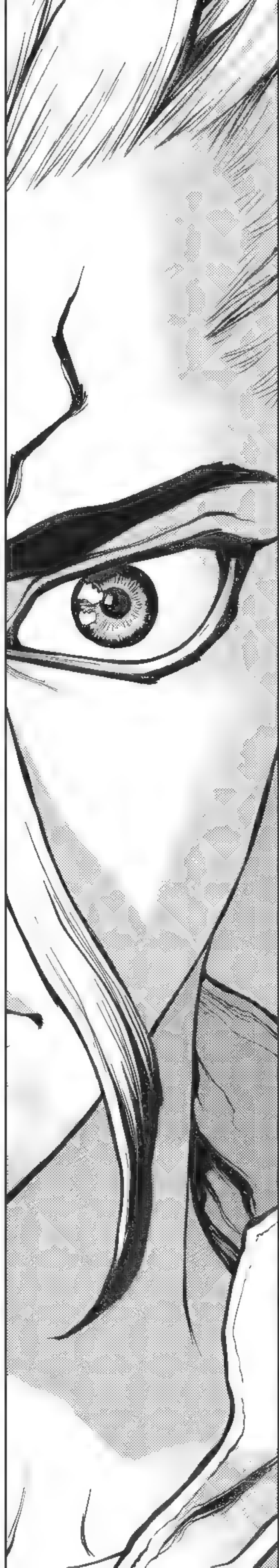
YOU!

SENKU!

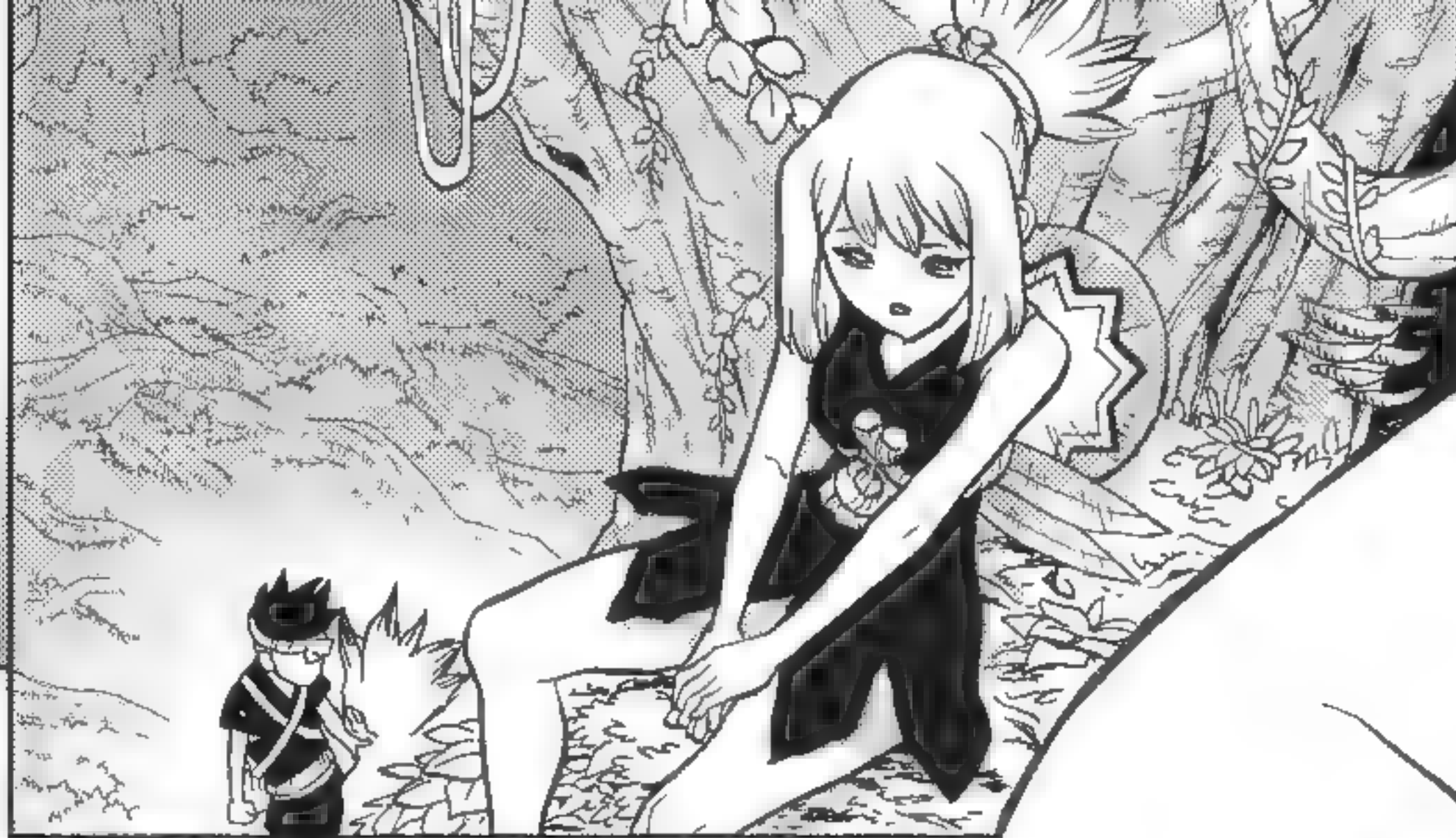
TOO BAD,  
RIGHT? SINCE  
I REFUSE  
TO INHERIT  
ALL THAT  
KNOWLEDGE  
FROM YOU...

...IT'S  
REALLY  
GAME  
OVER FOR  
SCIENCE!

...IF  
YOU DIE,  
SENKU...



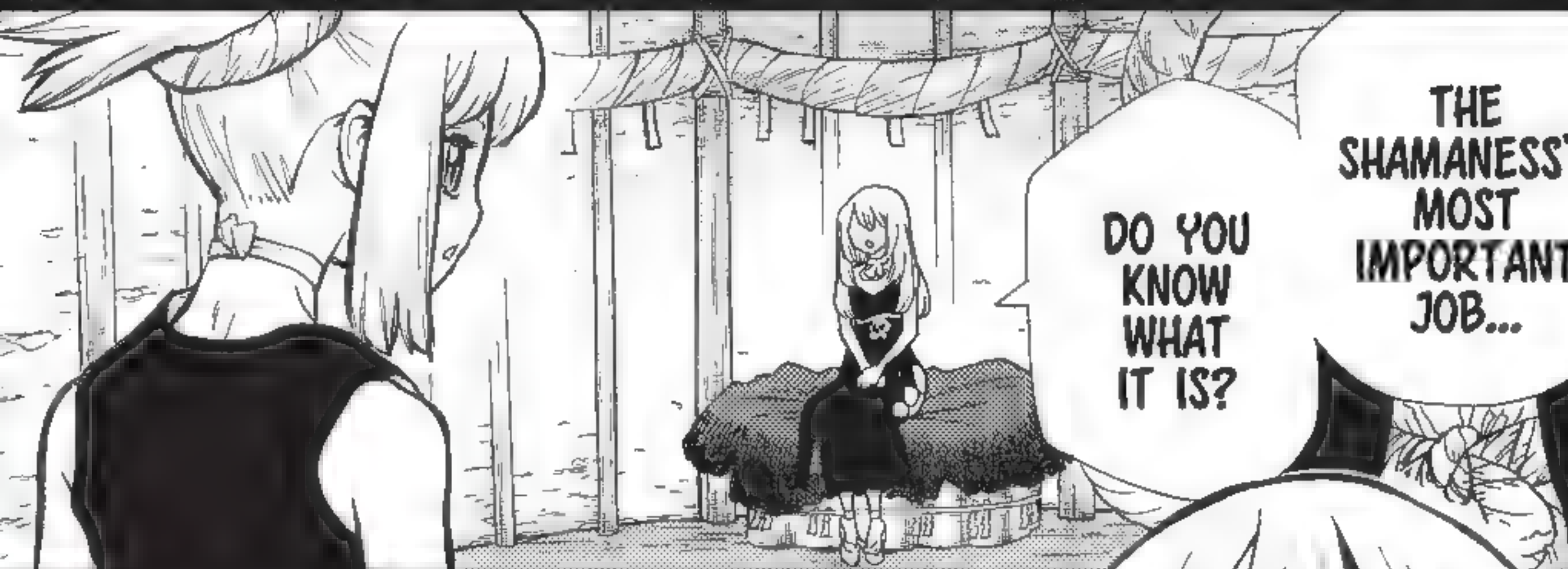




NOW THAT  
MOTHER'S  
PASSED  
ON...

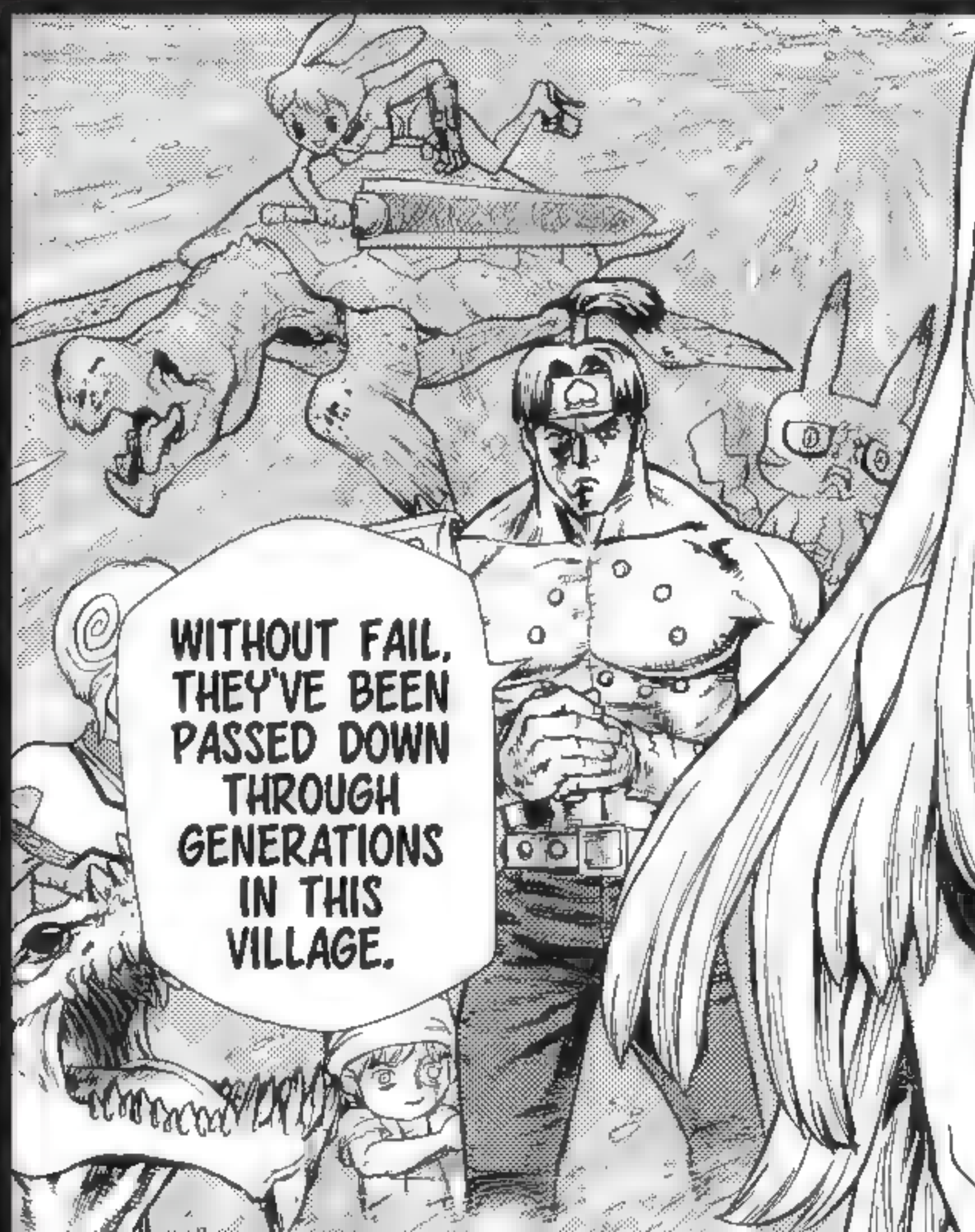
...WE NEED  
TO HAVE  
A CRUCIAL  
TALK.

KOHAKU.



DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT  
IT IS?

THE  
SHAMANESS'S  
MOST  
IMPORTANT  
JOB...

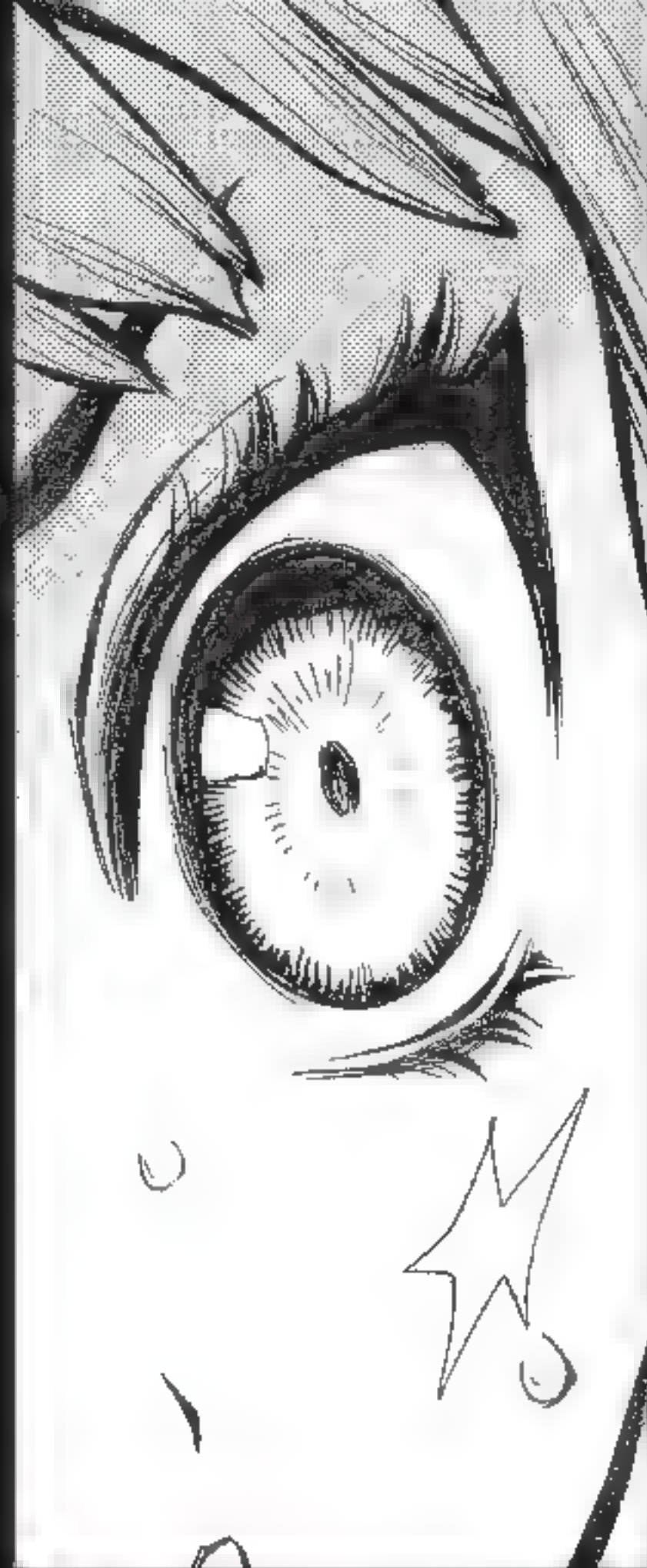


WITHOUT FAIL,  
THEY'VE BEEN  
PASSED DOWN  
THROUGH  
GENERATIONS  
IN THIS  
VILLAGE.

THE 100  
TALES.

ONE  
HUNDRED  
STORIES,  
FILLED  
WITH ALL  
MANNER OF  
KNOWLEDGE.





GET IT  
YET,  
KOHAKU?

RURI'S  
BODY WON'T  
LAST MUCH  
LONGER.



"IT'S OKAY  
IF MY  
SISTER  
DIES!!"

IF  
THAT'S  
THE PLAN,  
HERE...

...THEN  
I'M NOT  
LIFTING  
A FINGER  
TO HELP!!



YOU'RE  
IN GOOD  
HEALTH,  
SO YOU'LL  
INHERIT THE  
ROLE OF  
SHAMANESS  
FROM RURI  
AND...

AND WE  
CANNOT  
ALLOW THE  
100 TALES  
TO BE LOST!

HAH!  
I'M NOT  
INHERITING  
ANYTHING.

NOT IF  
THAT'S HOW  
IT IS.



...THEN MY  
SISTER,  
SOMBER  
AS SHE  
IS...

IF I EVER  
BECOME  
QUALIFIED  
TO BE  
SHAMANESS  
...

...WON'T  
HAVE THAT  
REASON TO  
LIVE FOR.



HAA  
HAA  
HAA

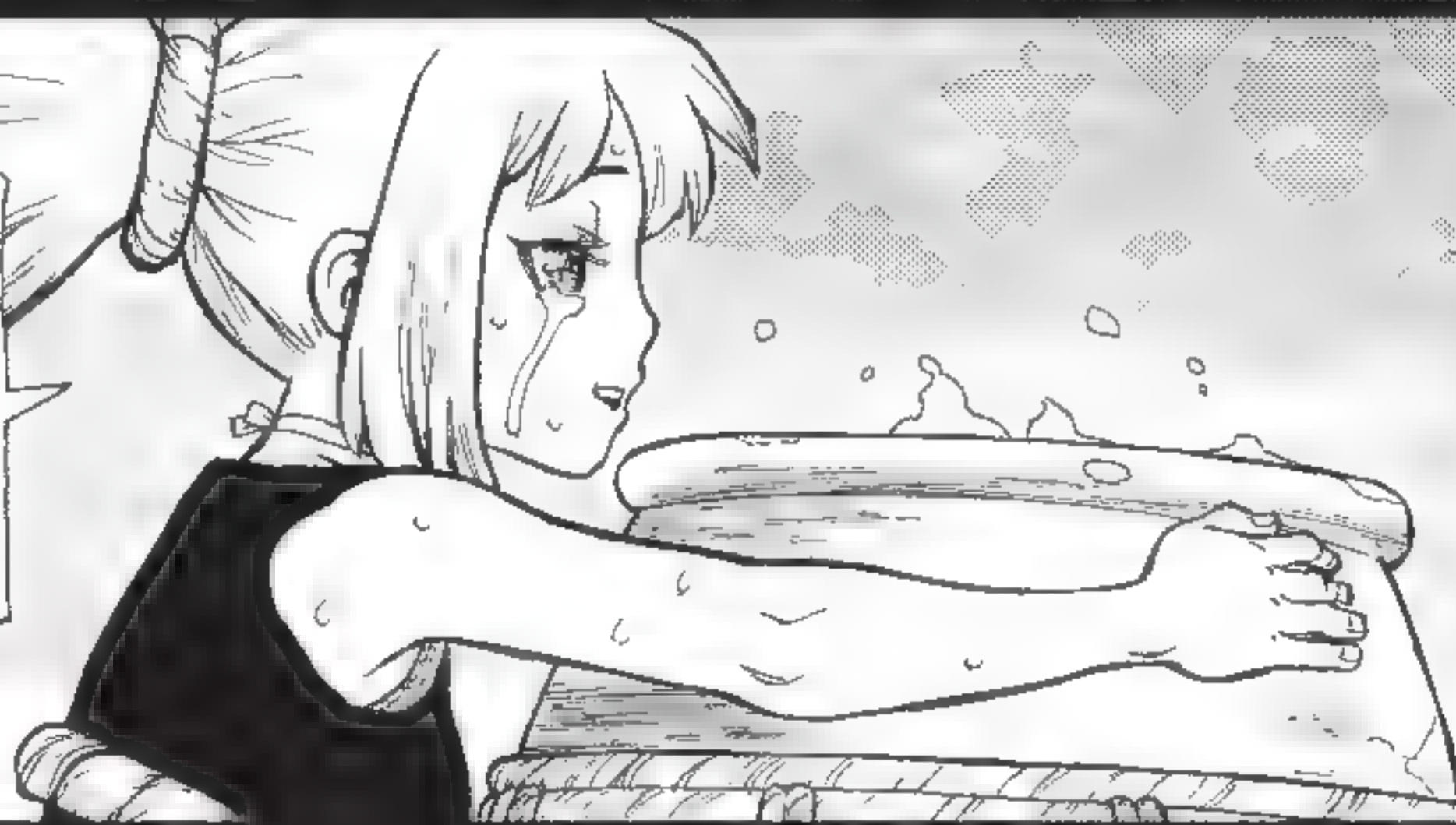
GET  
BACK  
HERE,  
KOHAKU  
!!

ZOO



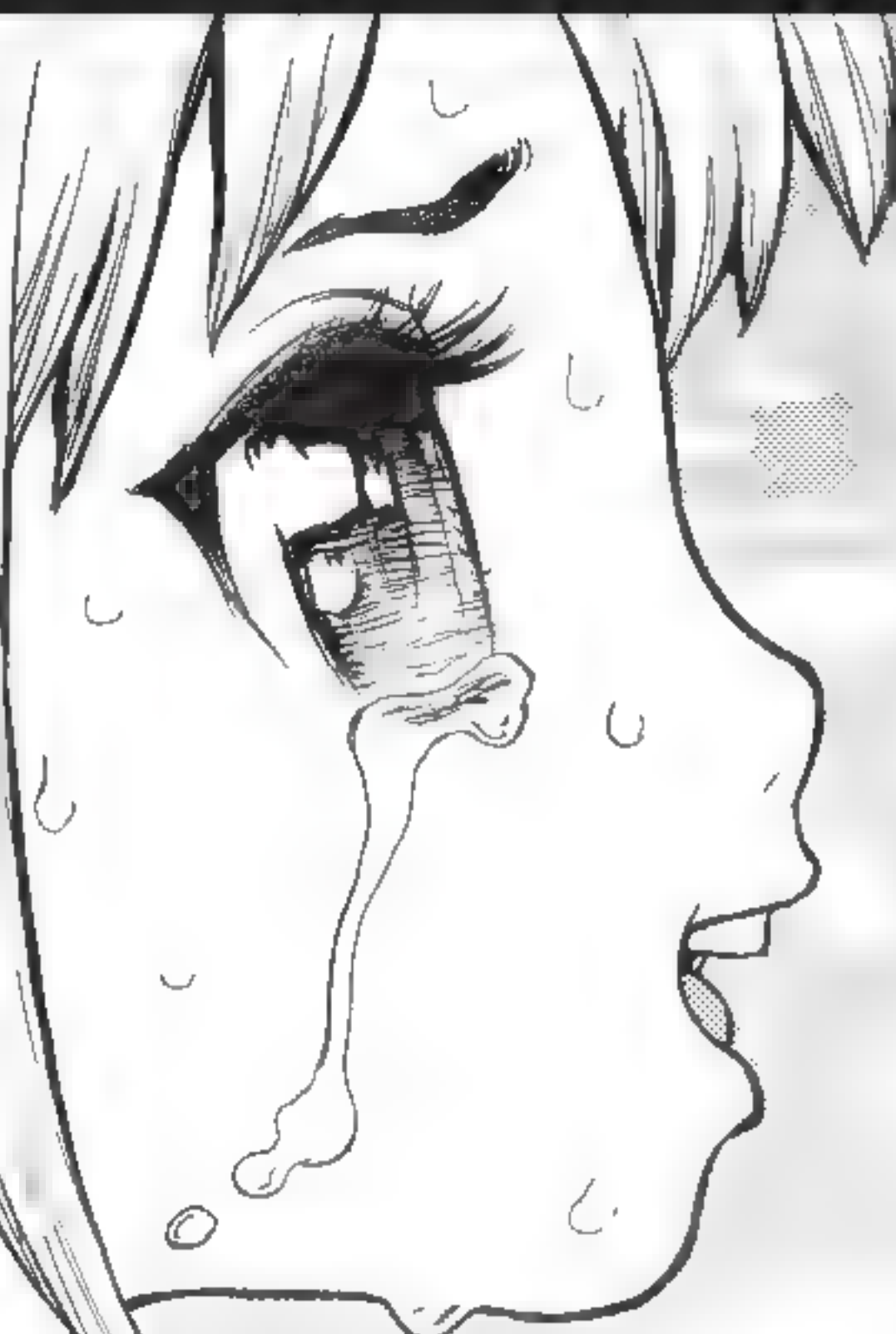
EVEN IF  
FATHER  
HATES ME,  
IT'S FOR  
THE BEST!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!



THE  
FURTHEST  
THING FROM  
A GOOD  
CANDIDATE  
FOR A  
SHAMANESS!!

I'LL BE  
THE WILD,  
UNTAMABLE  
DAUGHTER!!







A  
THOUSAND  
TIMES.  
TEN  
THOUSAND  
TIMES.

I'LL  
CARRY  
THIS HOT  
SPRING  
WATER  
TO HER.

...I'LL  
HEAL  
MY BIG  
SISTER  
RURI!!

WHATEVER  
IT TAKES...





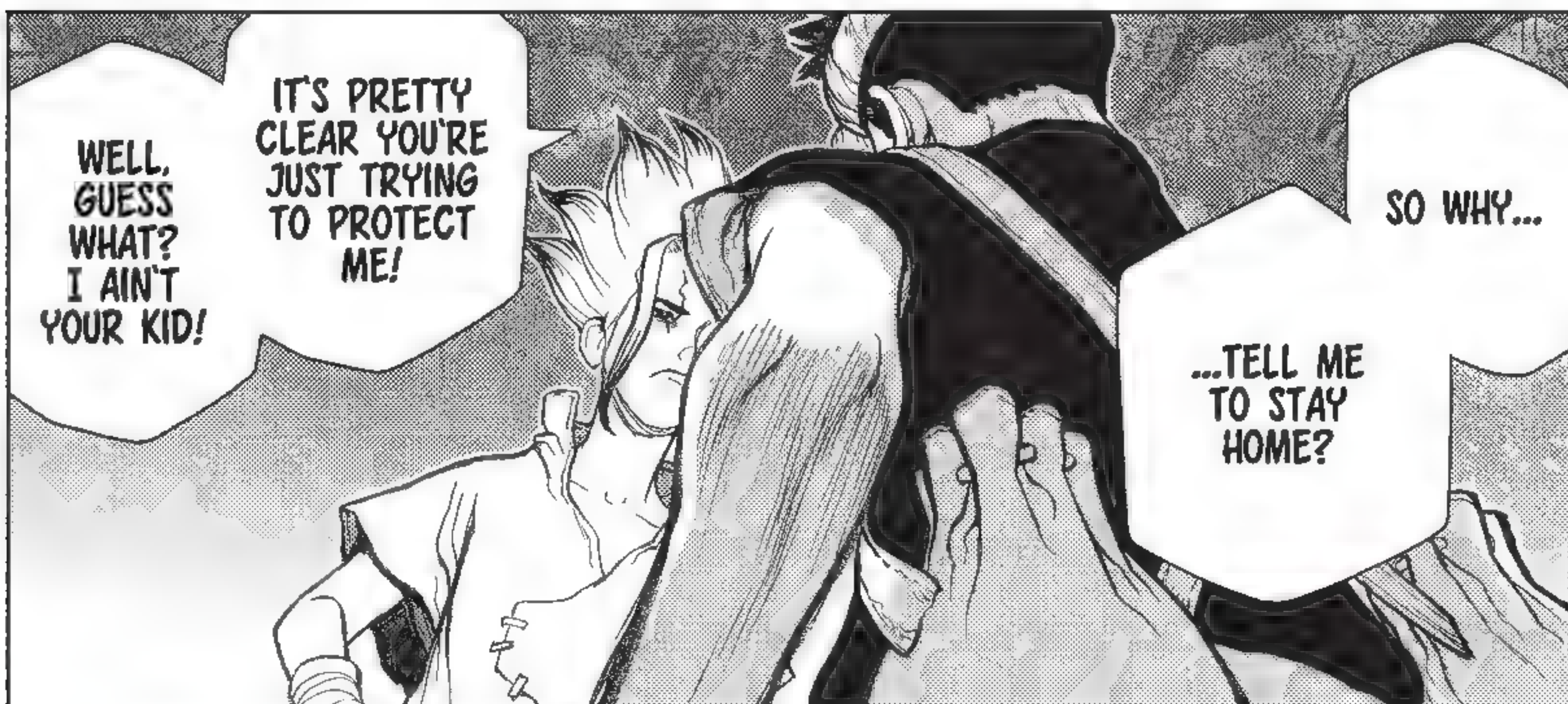
WHY NOT  
USE ME OR  
ANYONE  
ELSE AS A  
SACRIFICE?

I THOUGHT  
YOU LOVED  
BEING ALL  
RATIONAL,  
SENKU.



...WHY'S  
IT GOTTA  
BE OUR TOP  
SCIENTIST  
WHO GOES ON  
THIS TOXIC-  
GAS SUICIDE  
MISSION?

IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE...



WELL,  
GUESS  
WHAT?  
I AIN'T  
YOUR KID!

IT'S PRETTY  
CLEAR YOU'RE  
JUST TRYING  
TO PROTECT  
ME!

SO WHY...

...TELL ME  
TO STAY  
HOME?



YOU  
JERK!

DON'T  
LOOK  
DOWN  
ON ME...





YOU  
WANNA  
RAISE  
OUR  
ODDS?

THAT'S  
NOT  
HOW TO  
DO IT!



MY  
REASONING  
IS SIMPLE  
AND QUITE  
RATIONAL,  
ACTUALLY.

NO ONE'S  
LOOKING  
DOWN,  
UP OR  
ANYWHERE  
ELSE, FOOL.

OUR ODDS  
ARE BEST  
IF I'M THE  
ONE GOING.

THAT'S  
ALL IT IS.

WHEN IT  
COMES TO THE  
PRINCIPLES  
BEHIND THE GAS  
MASK AND THE  
STUFF WE'RE  
COLLECTING  
...

I KNOW ABOUT  
EVERYTHING  
BETTER THAN  
ANYONE ELSE  
HERE.



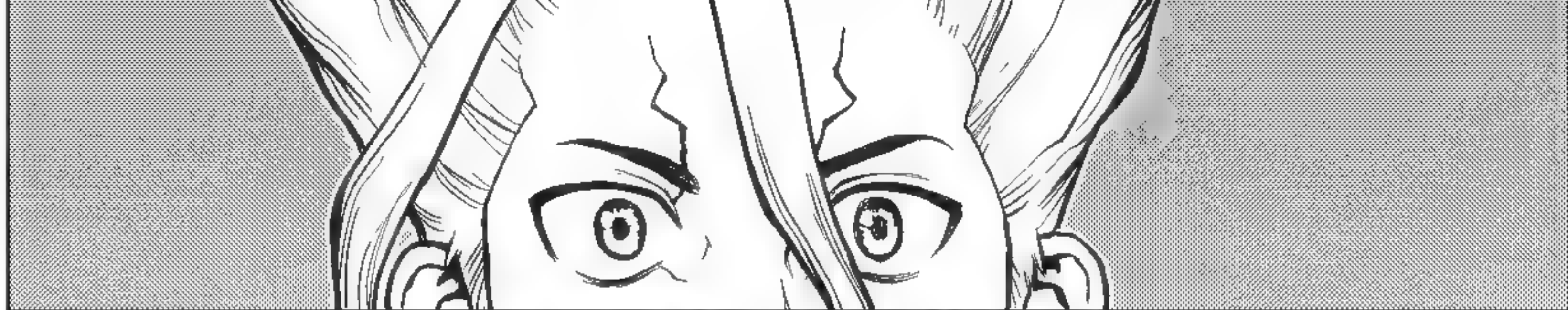
WORST  
CASE,  
WE CAN  
RESCUE  
EACH  
OTHER.

AM I  
WRONG?!

WE  
OUGHTA  
HAVE TWO  
SCIENTISTS  
ON THE  
SCENE...

...ACTING  
AS A TAG  
TEAM!!





LIKE, "OH NO, I SLIPPED!" OR WHATEVER.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD HAPPEN, YEAH...?

N-NO, I MEAN...

WORST CASE IS THE GAS KILLING US BOTH.

NO ONE'S SAVING ANYONE, THEN!

**SAME WITH US!**

**AS LONG AS WE'RE ACTUALLY FRIENDS, WITH NEITHER LOOKING DOWN ON THE OTHER!**

TAIJU AND YUZURIHA ...

THOSE'RE THEIR NAMES, RIGHT?

...

I'M PRETTY SURE THEY'RE RISKING THEIR LIVES BY DOING THAT.

THEY'RE SNEAKING INTO THE TSUKASA EMPIRE AS SPIES?

BUT YOU TRUST THEM, AND THEY TRUST YOU BACK.

SURE.

GUESS SO.

$E=mc^2$

THAT MIGHT IMPROVE THE SURVIVAL RATE...

...BY A TENTH OF A PERCENT.





**AND TELL  
ME WHAT  
I WANNA  
HEAR!**

**YOU'RE  
JUST  
PROTECTING  
ME?**

**GET  
OUTTA HERE  
WITH THAT  
CRAP!**



**CHROME.**

**...THAT NOW  
WE'VE GOTTA  
MAKE AN  
EXTRA GAS  
MASK.**

**IT'S ALL  
YOUR  
FAULT...**





**THAT'S  
RIGHT!!**

**...IN MY  
HANDS.**

**YOU'RE  
PUTTING  
YOUR  
LIFE...**

**WE'RE IN  
THE SAME  
BOAT,  
SENKU!!**

**CHROME,  
YOU...**

**...REMIND  
ME OF  
MYSELF.**



...I'M SURE  
EVERYONE  
WOULD BE  
THRILLED.

IF BIG  
SISTER RURI  
WERE TO  
MARRY A  
MAN LIKE  
YOU...

BUT THE  
HEAVENS  
DIDN'T BLESS  
YOU WITH  
FIGHTING  
ABILITY.

HAH! I  
GUESS THE  
GODS JUST  
AREN'T THAT  
ACCOMMO-  
DATING!

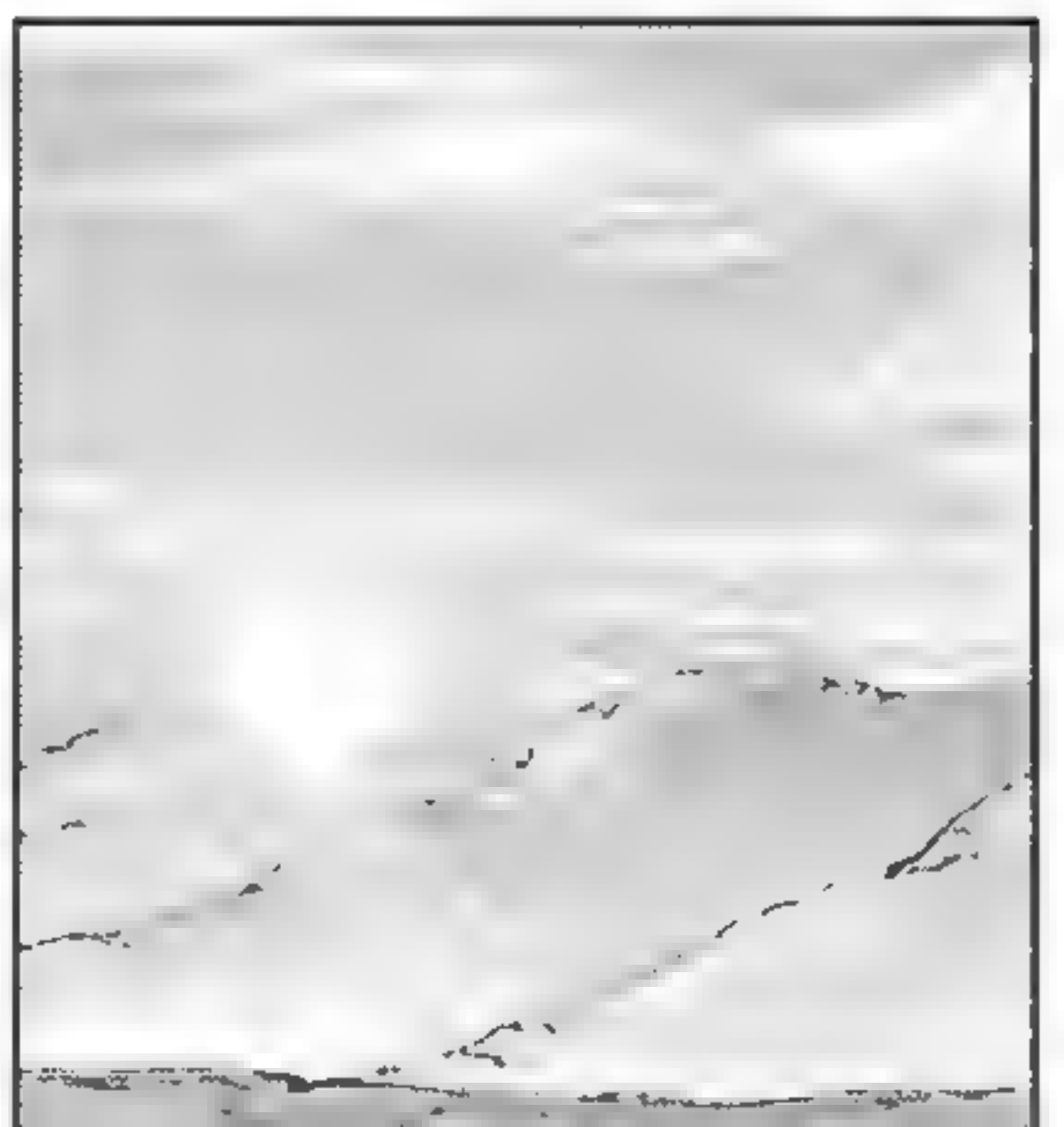


IF ALL GOES  
ACCORDING  
TO PLAN...

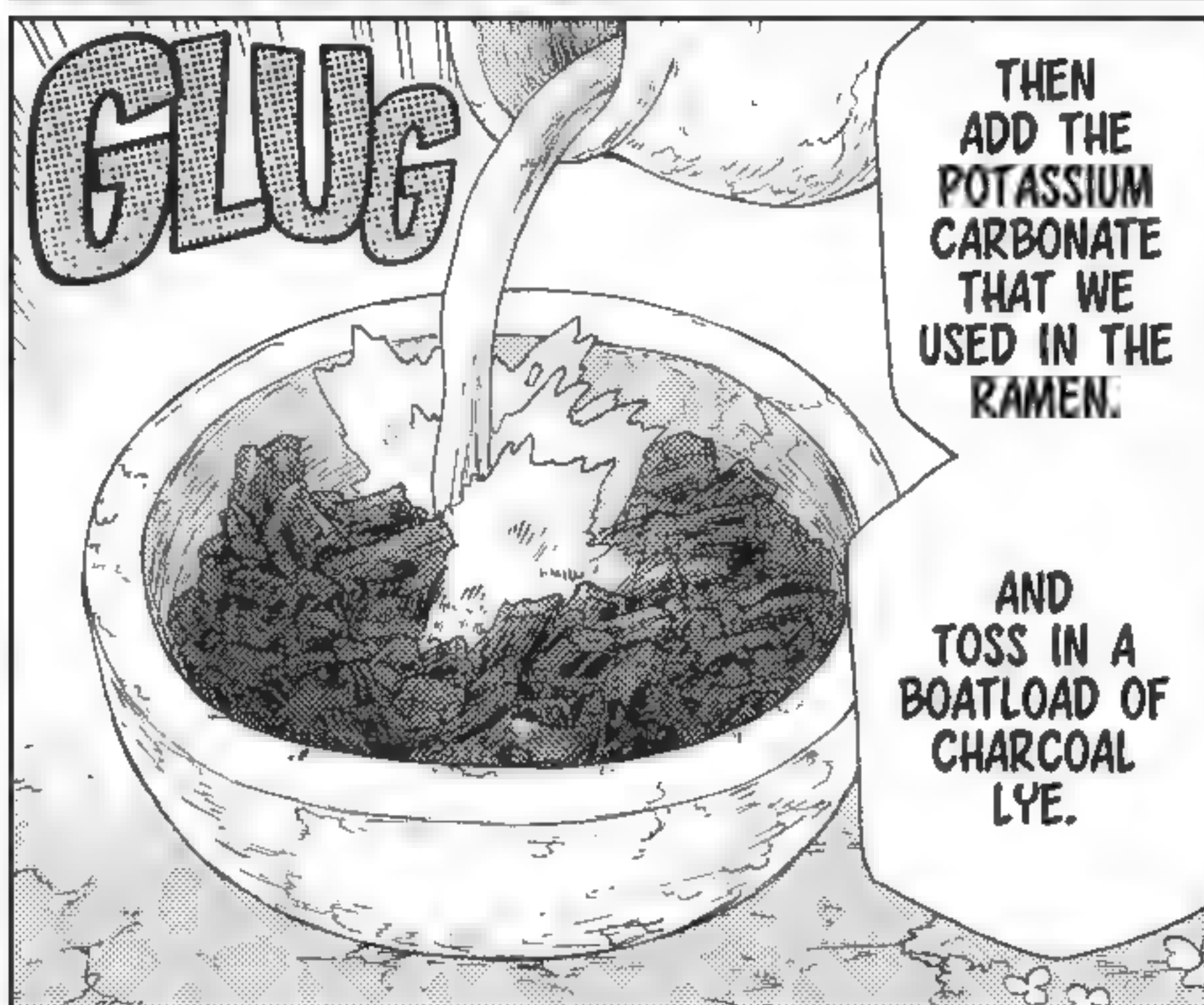
...MY SISTER  
WILL WED  
EITHER  
KINRO OR  
GINRO.













...A  
TAG-TEAM  
REVENGE  
MATCH  
!!

TIME  
FOR THESE  
TWO  
SCIENTISTS  
TO HAVE...

...SULFURIC  
ACID!!

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
THIS TIME  
WE'RE  
GONNA  
GET  
THAT...

OUR  
DEFENSE  
AGAINST  
TOXIC  
GAS!!

IT'S  
COM-  
PLETE.

Gas masks  
acquired!!





**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**Chrome calls Kohaku a gorilla and all of a sudden his head's covered in lumps! Did Kohaku somehow get him back for that jab? How'd she do it?!**



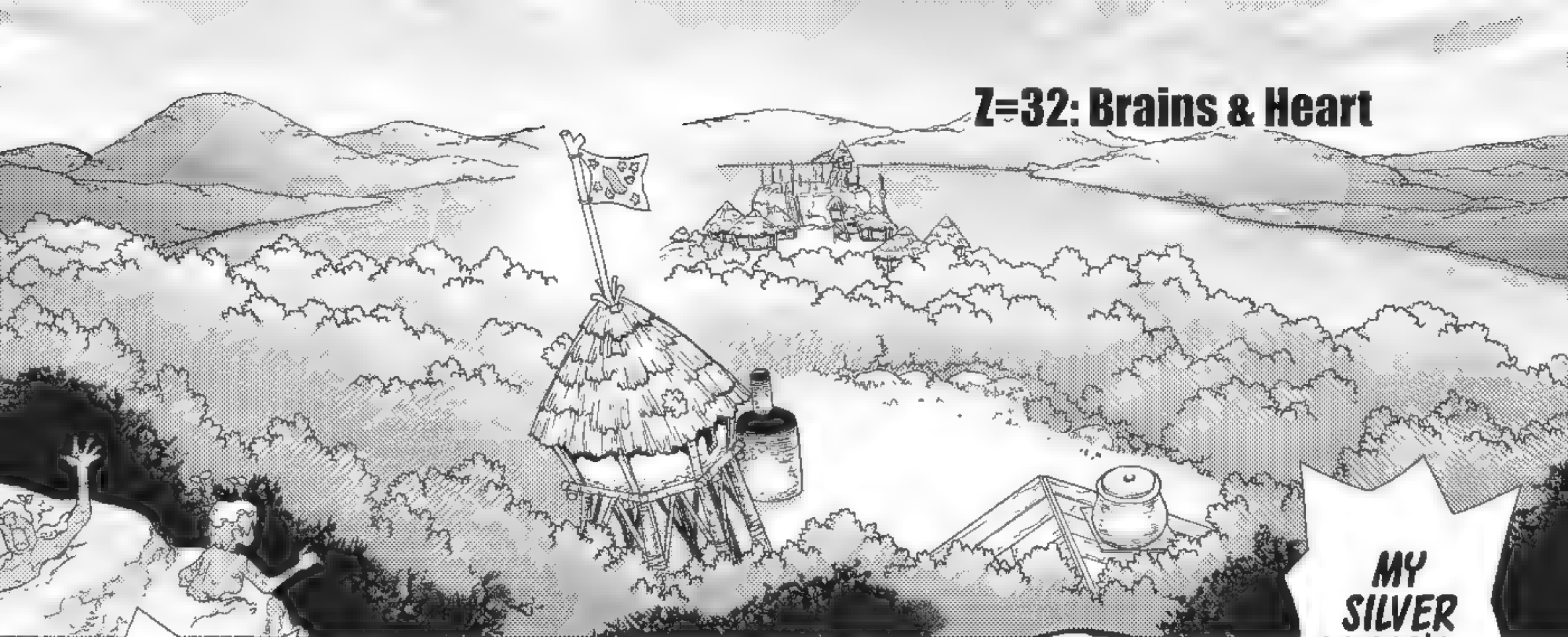
TS-san from  
Miyagi Prefecture

**SEARCH**



Kohaku rapidly pounded Chrome's head with her stone shoes, as if dribbling a basketball!





THIS IS  
TOTALLY A  
CURSE FROM  
THE FAIRY  
OF THE  
SPRING!!

IT EVEN  
KILLED THOSE  
BIRDS, SO NO  
WAY AM I  
GOING BACK  
THERE!!

MY  
SILVER  
SPEAR'S...

...ALL  
BLACK...



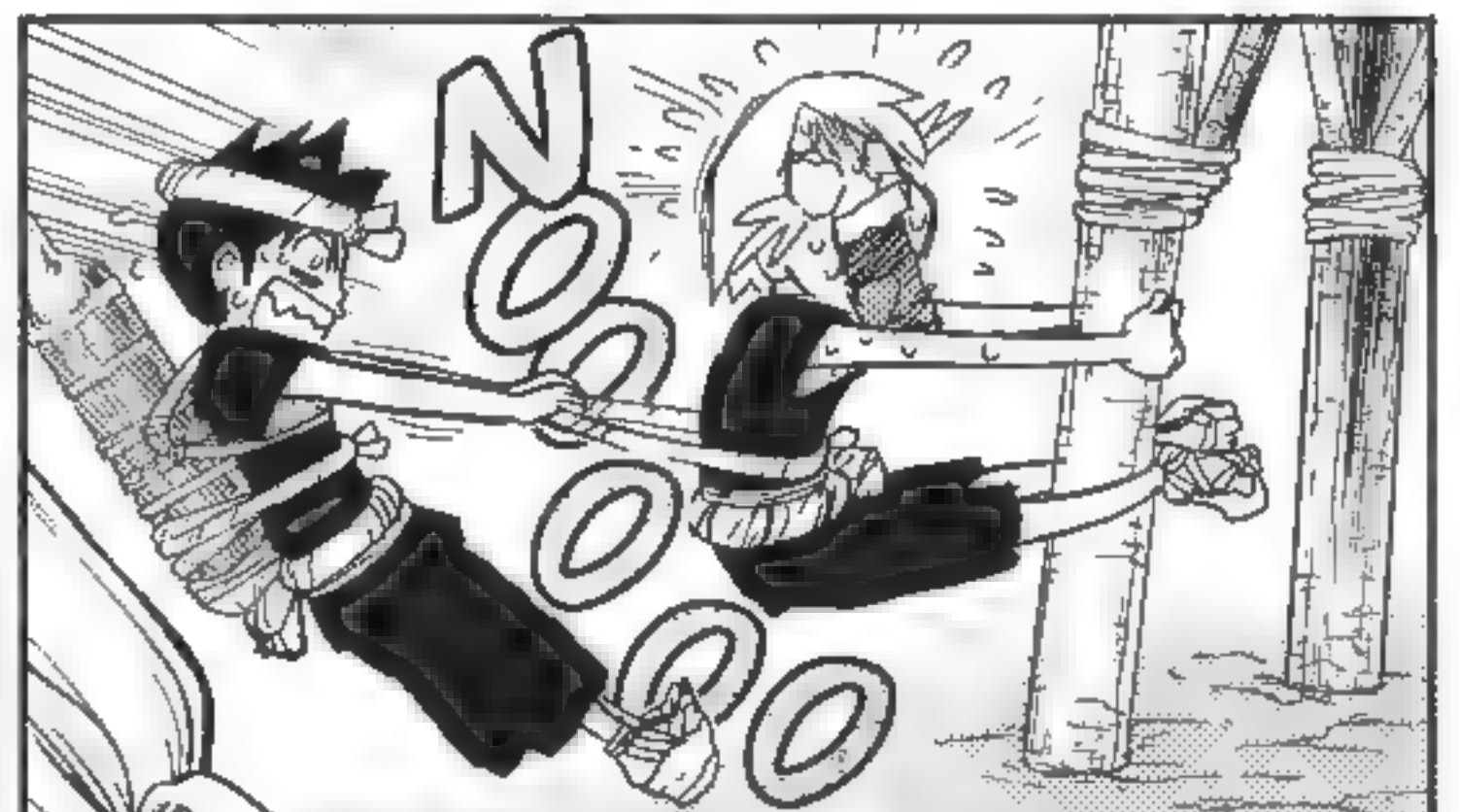
JUST RUB  
IT WITH  
SOME  
TOASTY-  
WARM  
ASH, AND  
TA-DA!

THE  
HYDROGEN  
SULFIDE  
TURNED IT  
BLACK, BUT  
AN ALKALI  
SHOULD TURN  
IT BACK.



STILL,  
IT'S NOT A  
CURSE OR  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT.

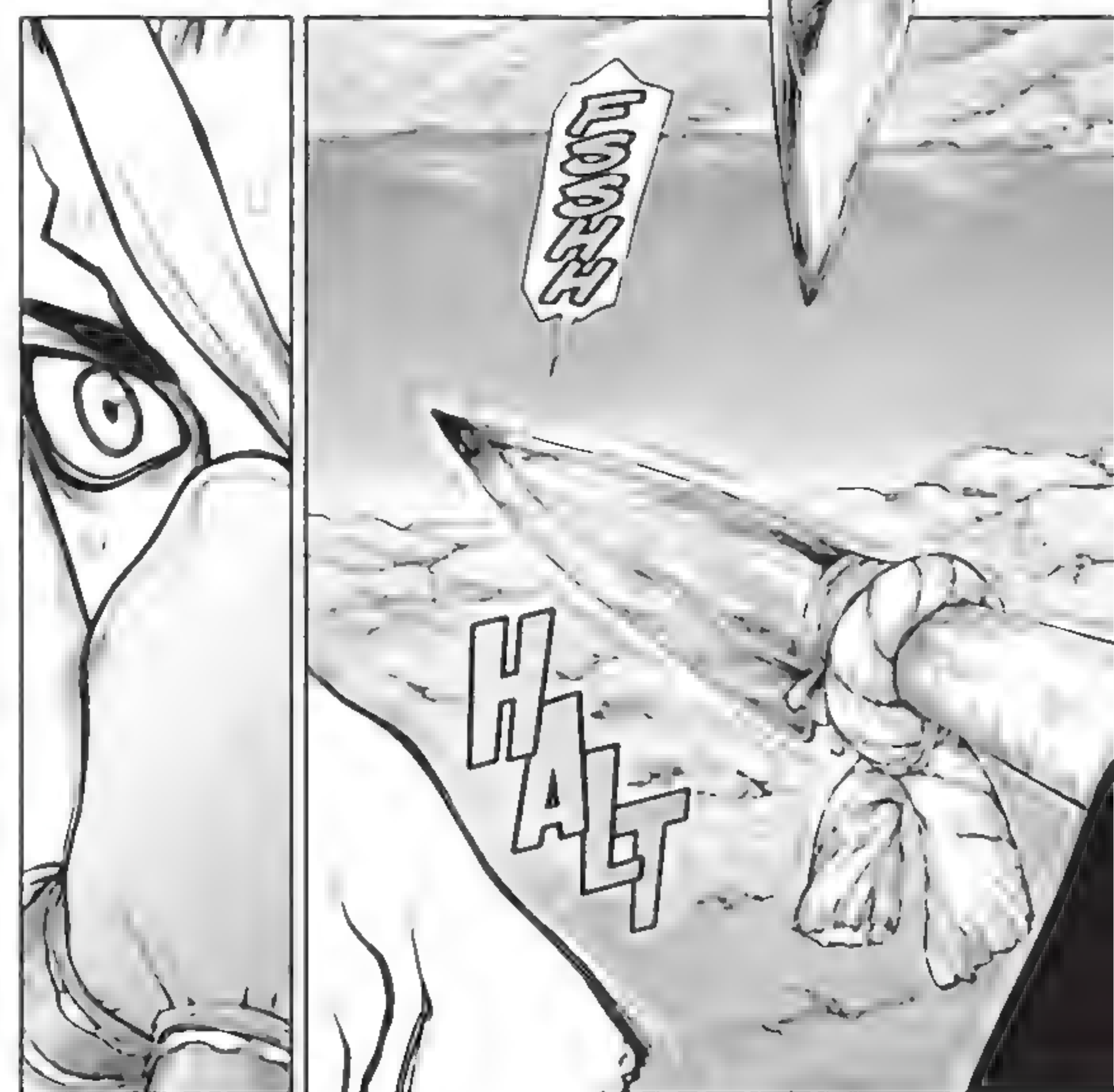
IT'S  
SCIENCE.



FINE. LEAVE  
HIM BEHIND.  
HE'D ONLY  
SLOW US  
DOWN.











A TEST  
OF OUR  
SCIENTIFIC  
PROTECTION  
...

THIS IS IT.  
THE REAL  
DEAL.

OUR GAS  
MASKS!

HE WAS  
DEAD.



THE  
TOXIC-GAS  
ZONE...

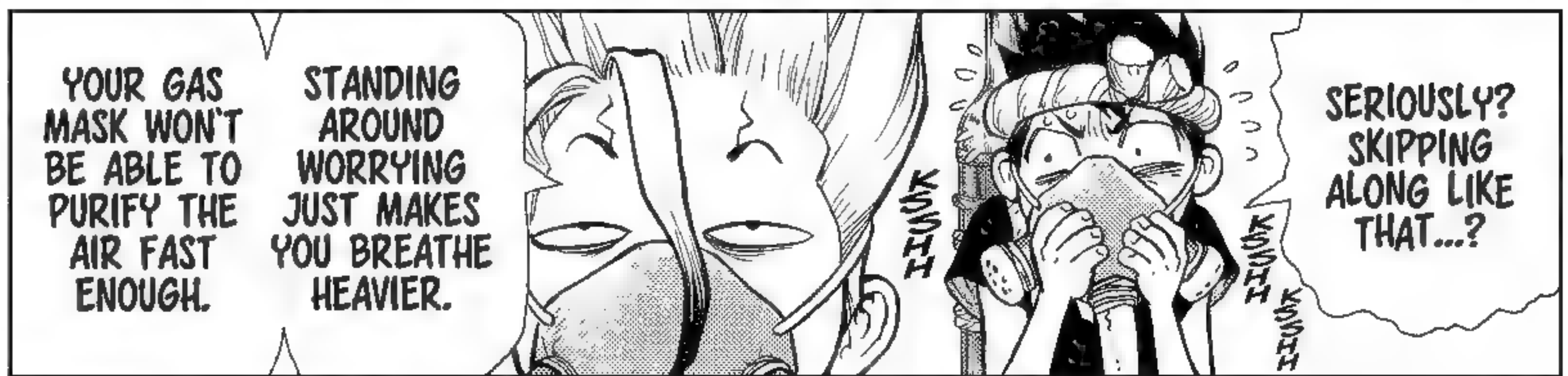
CAN  
THEY  
REALLY  
STAND  
UP TO  
THIS??

...WHERE  
ONE BREATH  
MEANS  
SUDDEN  
DEATH!

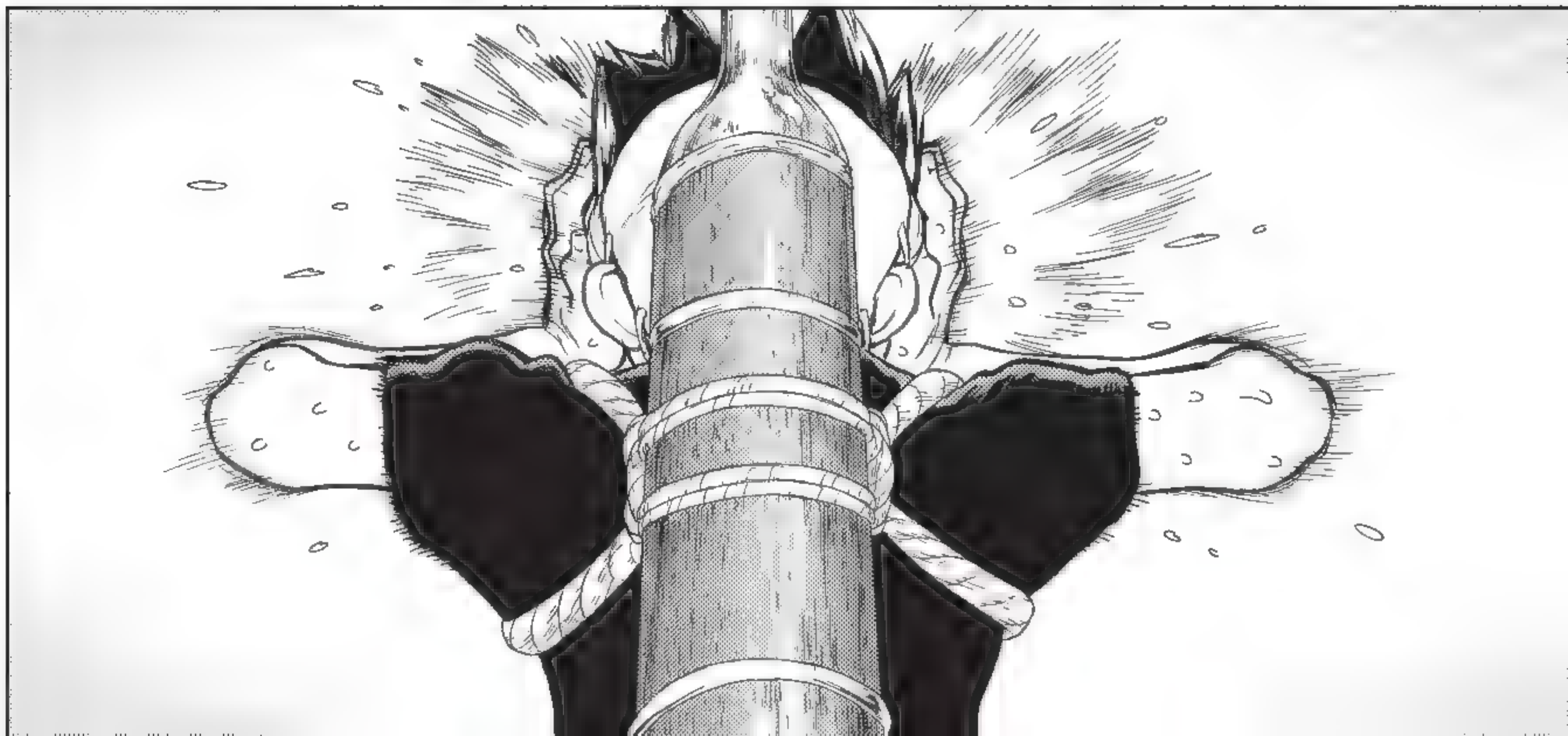
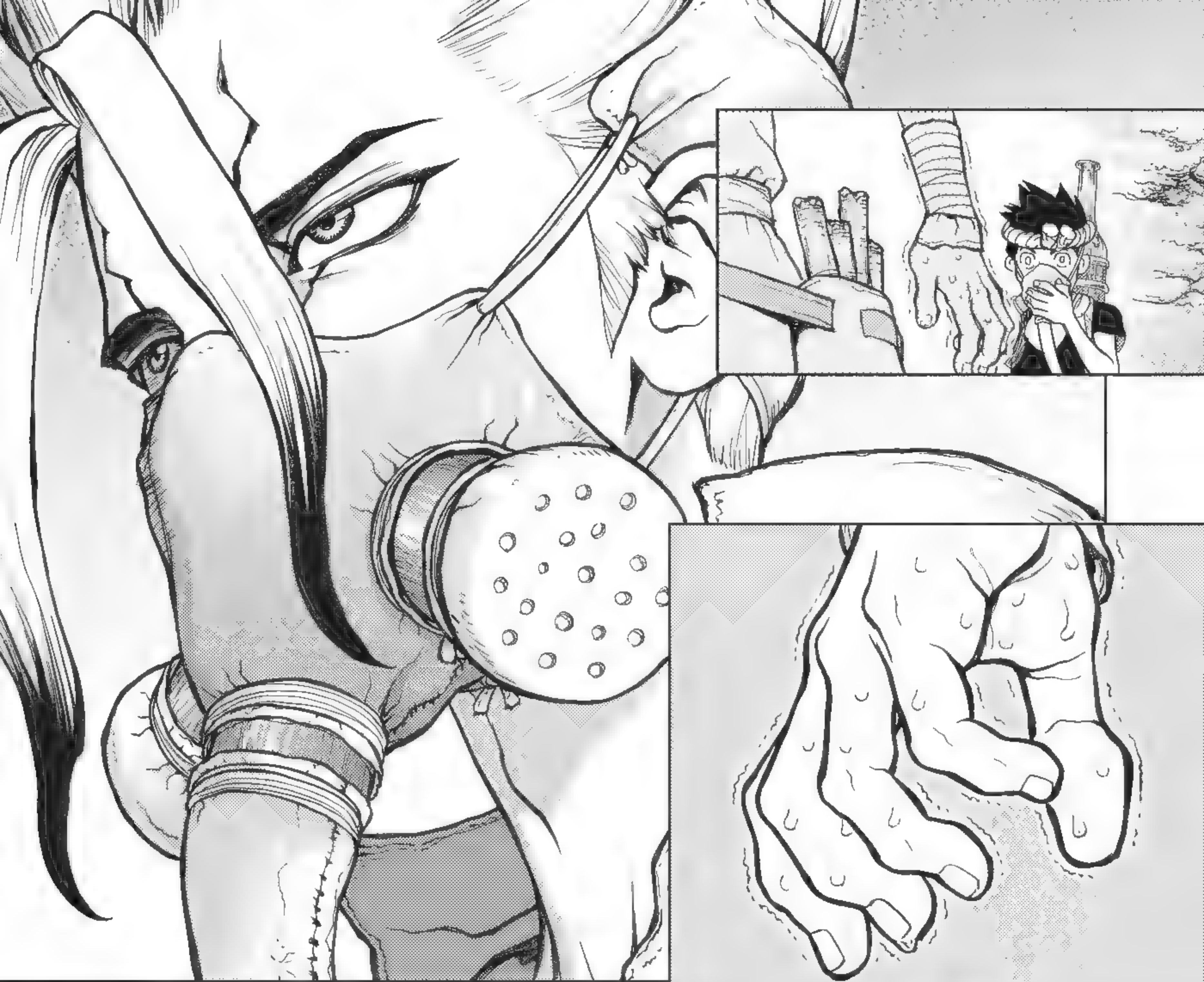
SPLASH

SPLASH

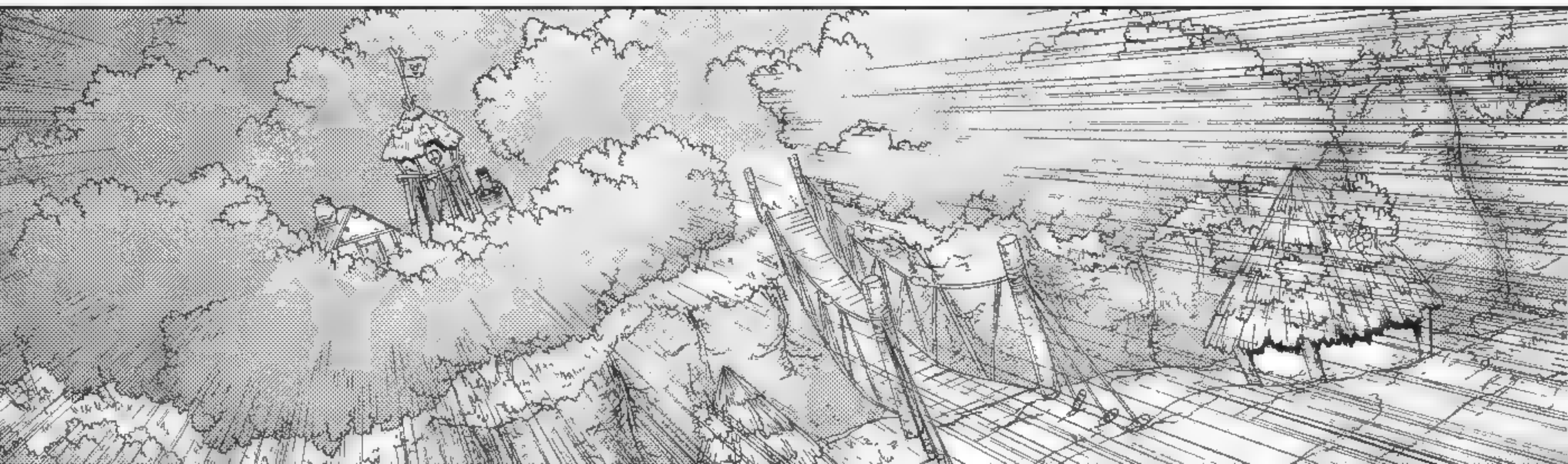
















THEY'VE  
GOTTA BE  
SCARED,  
RIGHT?!

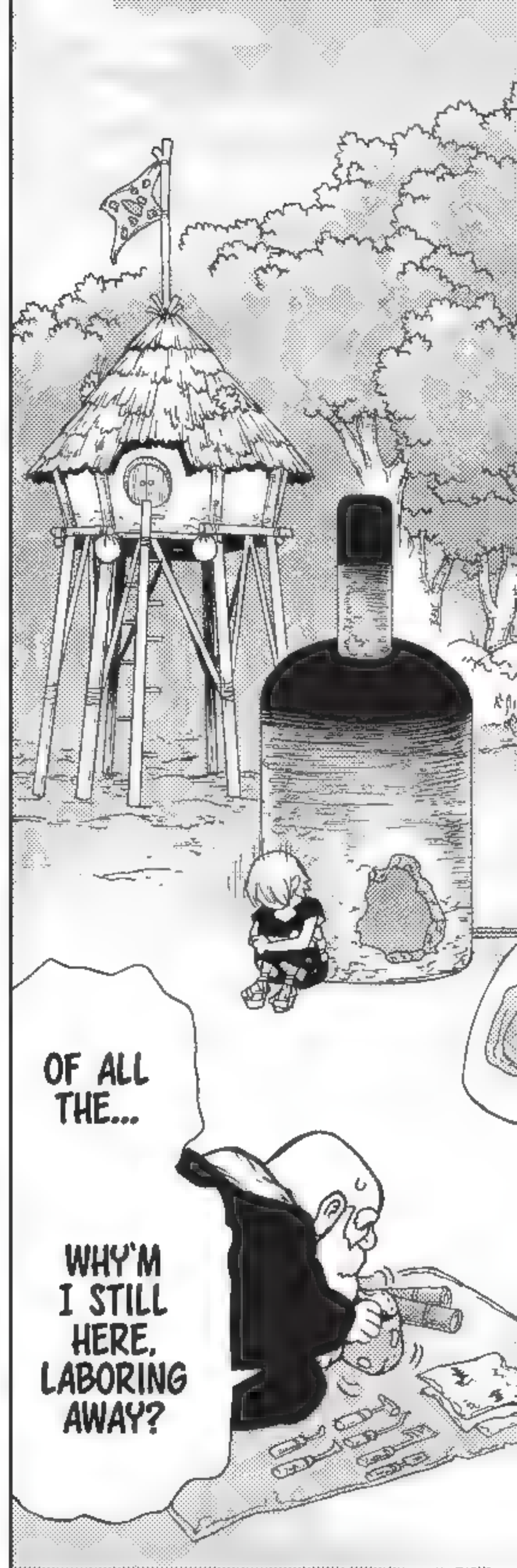
THEY  
COULD  
DIE OUT  
THERE!!

ACK!  
I CAN'T  
EVEN STAND  
THINKING  
ABOUT IT!

BUT THERE THEY  
GO, CHARGING  
OFF WITH THIS  
CRAZY SCHEME,  
ALL BRAVE!!



SENKU AND  
CHROME ARE  
SERIOUSLY  
CRAZY!



OF ALL  
THE...

WHY'M  
I STILL  
HERE,  
LABORING  
AWAY?



IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU FEEL  
IT, INSIDE.

YOUR OWN  
FEAR AND  
WEAKNESS.  
YOU THINK  
YOU DON'T  
MEASURE UP  
TO THEM.

THAT'S  
NOT  
IT...



INSTEAD  
OF JUST  
CLAMMING  
UP AND  
RUNNING  
HOME...

...YOU  
HANG  
BACK  
AND HURL  
ABUSE AT  
THEM?





YOU'RE  
NOT  
WEAK.  
NOT AT  
ALL.

DON'T  
WORRY,  
GINRO.



AND YOU  
OUGHTA  
BELIEVE AN  
OLD FOSSIL  
LIKE ME.

IN FACT,  
STAYING  
SCARED IS  
THE TRICK  
TO SURVIVING  
IN THIS  
WORLD!

I WAS A  
SCAREDY-  
CAT TOO,  
ONCE!



RIGHT...

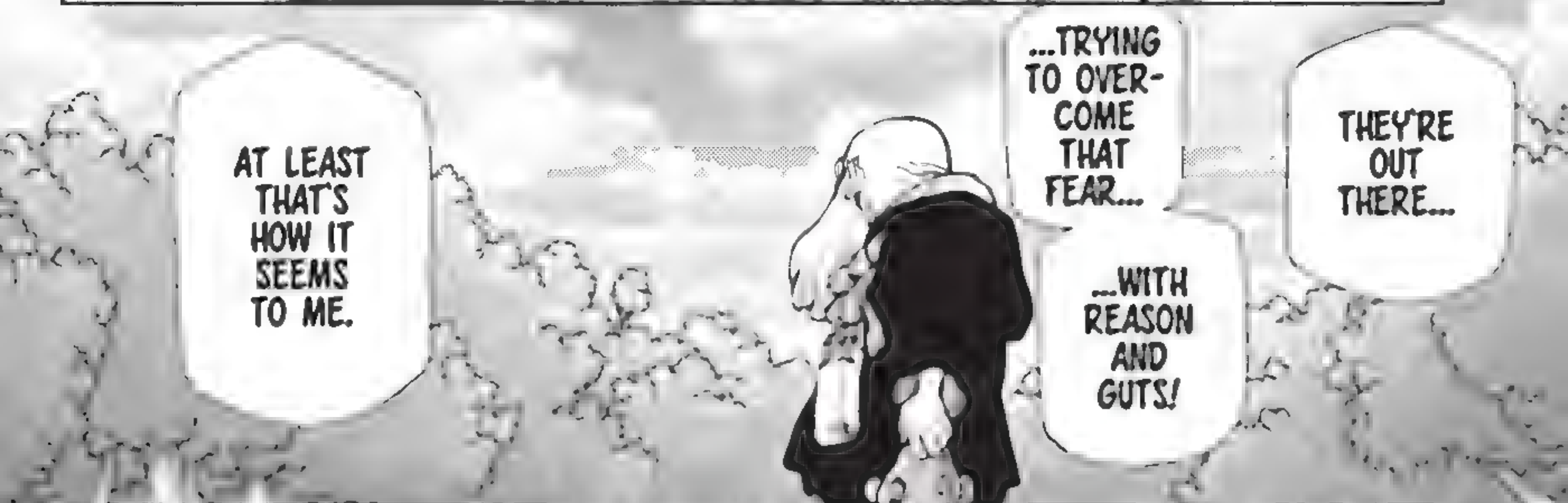
I JUST  
NEVER  
STOPPED  
TO THINK  
ABOUT IT.



THERE'S  
NOT A  
SOUL OUT  
THERE...

...WHO  
DOESN'T  
FEEL FEAR  
DEEP  
DOWN.









...



IT'S NOT AS IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO'S GONNA USE IT.

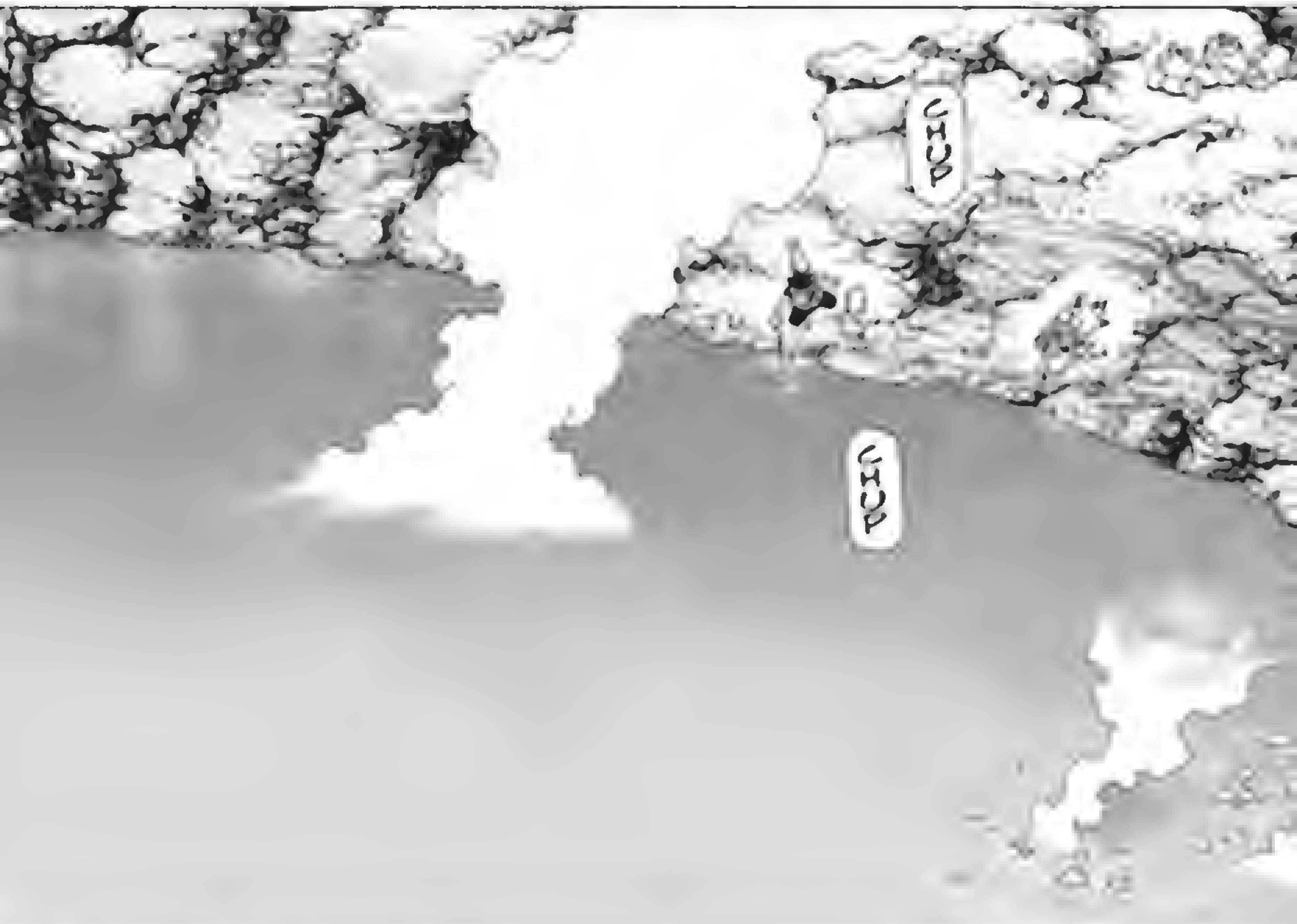
GUESS I'LL JUST LEAVE IT HERE...

TMP



OOPS! I GUESS I DON'T KNOW MY OWN TALENT!

SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO MAKE AN EXTRA GAS MASK.



UICU

UICU



UICU

UICU



CHK-CHK









THIS GAS  
MASK WON'T  
HELP ME  
THERE.

A DIVE  
INTO THE  
ACID  
POOL!



CRAP...  
ONE  
LITTLE  
SLIPUP,  
AND  
POOF.

SAVE  
RURI...

THE  
REST'S  
UP TO  
YOU.



DON'T  
BOTHR,  
BUDDY.  
YOU'RE NOT  
GONNA  
MAKE IT  
IN TIME.

SENKU'S  
RUSHING  
OVER TO  
HELP,  
BUT...



THIS IS  
BAAAD.

IN  
A BAD  
WAY!









**SLOW  
YOUR  
BREATHING,  
GINRO!**

**THE  
GAS MASK  
CAN'T DEAL  
WITH AIR  
AT THAT  
RATE!**

**WEEEEE**

**HEA...**

**HEAVY...!**

**SHAKA  
SHAKA  
SHAKA**



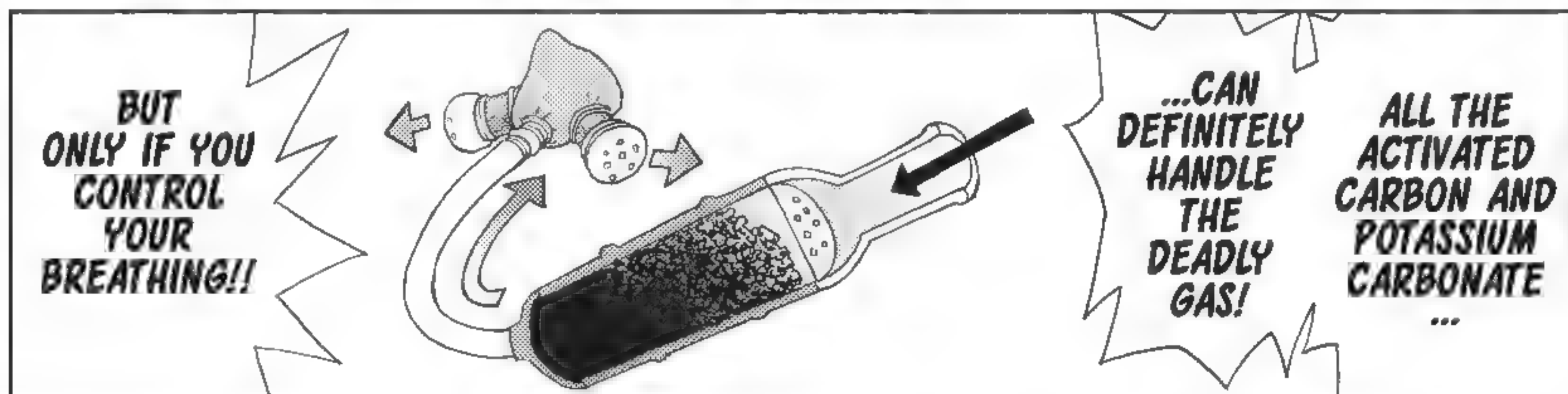
**I'M  
REALLY  
GONNA  
DIE...?!**

**SO THE  
TOXIC  
GAS'S  
GONNA KILL  
ME?!**

**CAN'T  
DEAL?**

**Fushh**

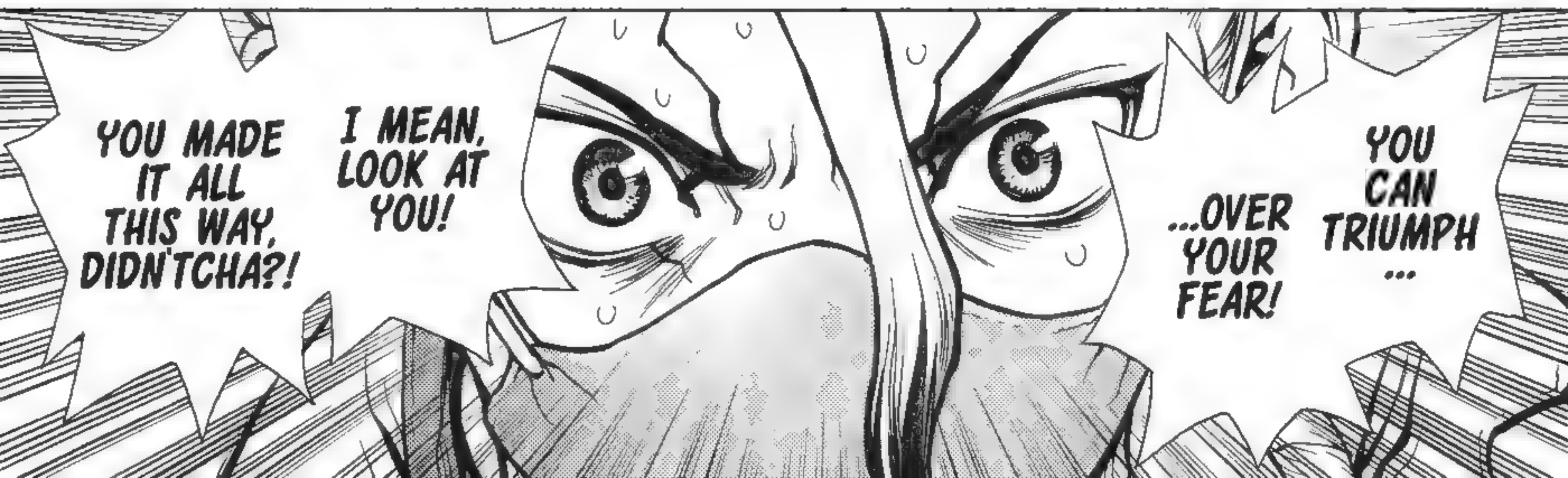
**Hahh  
Hahh  
Hahh  
Hahh  
Hahh  
Hahh**



**BUT  
ONLY IF YOU  
CONTROL  
YOUR  
BREATHING!!**

**...CAN  
DEFINITELY  
HANDLE  
THE  
DEADLY  
GAS!**

**ALL THE  
ACTIVATED  
CARBON AND  
POTASSIUM  
CARBONATE  
...**



**YOU MADE  
IT ALL  
THIS WAY,  
DIDN'TCHA?!**

**I MEAN,  
LOOK AT  
YOU!**

**YOU  
CAN  
TRIUMPH  
...  
...OVER  
YOUR  
FEAR!**





**NATURE  
MIGHT BE  
AN UN-  
FORGIVING  
MISTRESS...**

**THE ONLY  
WAY WE  
HUMANS  
CAN  
WIN...**

**...IS BY  
MAKING  
USE OF  
THOSE!!**

**...BUT IT AIN'T  
GOT BRAINS  
OR A HEART TO  
REASON WITH.**



**THINK  
WITH  
THIS  
AND  
THIS!**

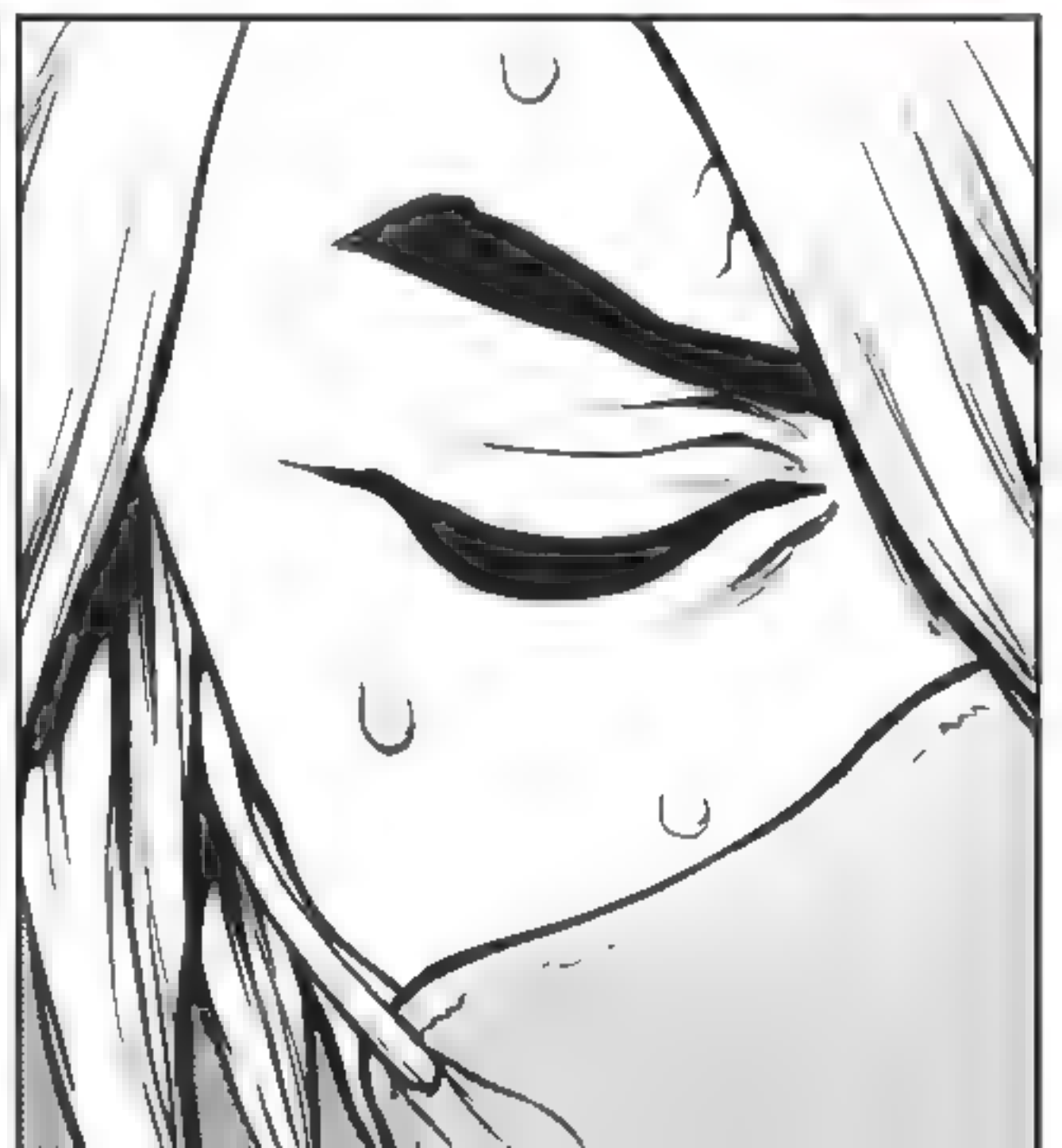
**HEY,  
GINRO!**



**I'M...**

**BODYGUARD  
GINRO.**

**THAT'S  
RIGHT.**







Sulfuric acid  
acquired!!

GAHHH HH!

FELL

ING

KS

MY  
BRAINS  
AND  
HEART...

SH

...CAN  
BEAT  
THIS  
FEAR!!

SH





**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**How old are Senku and the gang?**

**Ten Billion Percent the Weakest Person Ever from Tokyo**

**SEARCH**



**Senku:**

**16**



**Taiju:**

**16**



**Yuzuriha:**

**15**



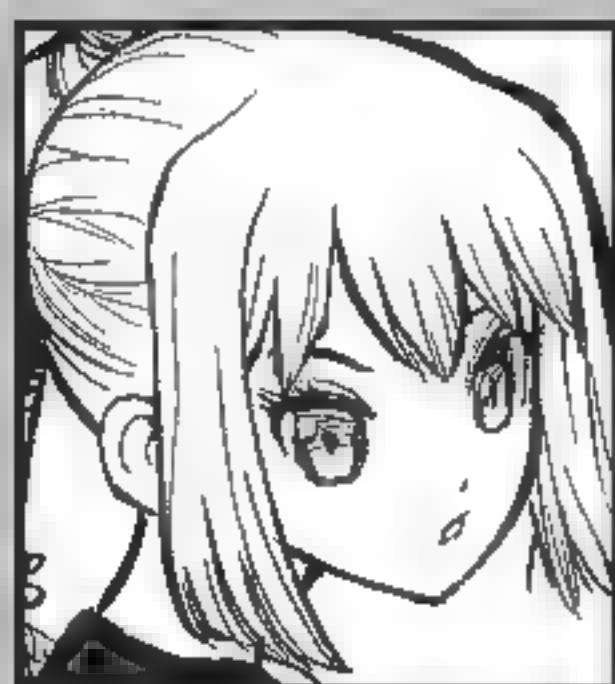
**Tsukasa:**

**18**



**Gen:**

**19**



**Kohaku:**

**16**



**Ruri:**

**18**



**Chrome:**

**16**



**Kinro:**

**18**



**Ginro:**

**16**



**Suika:**

**9**



**Kaseki:**

**60**



## Z=33: Baaad Chemicals



THE CRAZY-  
LONG ONE,  
RIGHT...?

NAH.  
HOLD YOUR  
HORSES.

YOU SAW  
IT, DIDN'TCHA?  
REMEMBER THAT  
BAAAD ROAD MAP  
LEADING TO THE  
PANACEA?



OHH! SO  
CAN WE  
FINALLY  
MAKE...

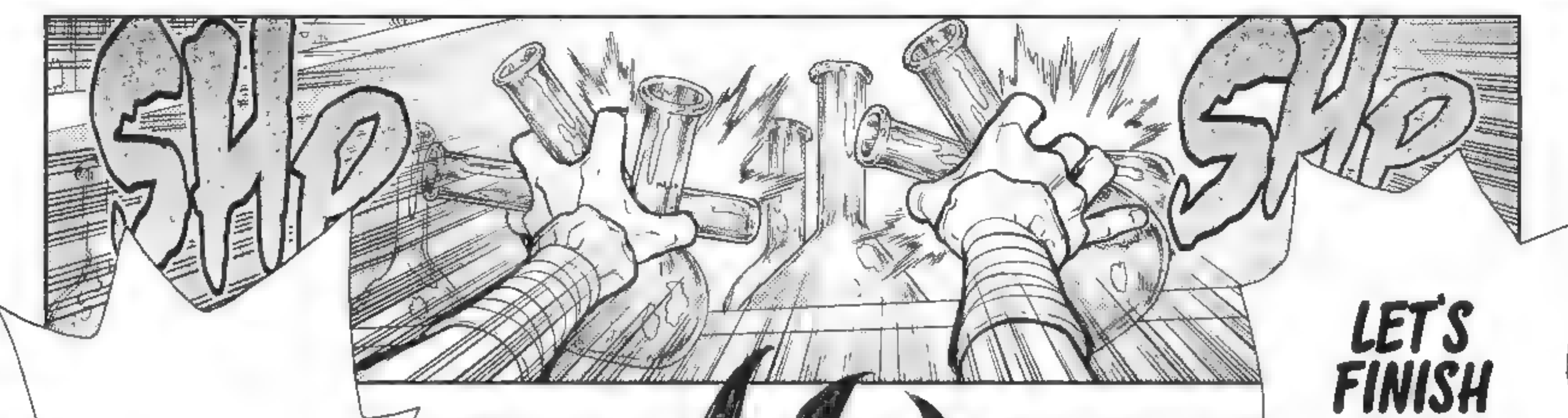
...THE  
PANACEA  
FOR MY  
SISTER  
RURI?!



WE'VE PRETTY  
MUCH GOT  
EVERYTHING  
WE NEED  
ALREADY!!

HEH HEH  
HEH... IT  
AIN'T ALL  
THAT BAD.





**GET  
EXCITED!**

**LET'S  
FINISH  
THIS!**

**A  
SURGE OF  
CHEMICAL  
COOKING...**





# Z=33: Baaad Chemicals







**ADD A PINCH OF SALT!**

**BA BOOM**

**BOIL THE SULFURIC ACID WE BROUGHT BACK.**

**BLUBB BLUBB**

**IT'S PART OF A DRIP SYSTEM.**

**YOU HAD ME MAKE THIS BIZARRE CONTRAPTION!**

**I'M ITCHING TO FIND OUT HOW YOU'RE GONNA USE IT!!**

**...GETS CAUGHT BY THE DRIP MACHINE!**

**SO THE GAS FROM MIXING SALT AND ACID...**

**WHAT'S THIS WEIRD-SHAPED CUP FOR??**

**THERE'S A GLASS STICK IN THIS ONE.**





GET SOME  
IN YOUR  
EYES, AND  
YOU'LL GO  
BLIND!!

ONE  
REALLY  
BAAAD  
CHEMICAL!

Hydro-  
chloric  
??

HYDRO-  
CHLORIC  
ACID

HYDRO-  
CHLORIC  
ACID...

OBTAINED!

SHUDDER



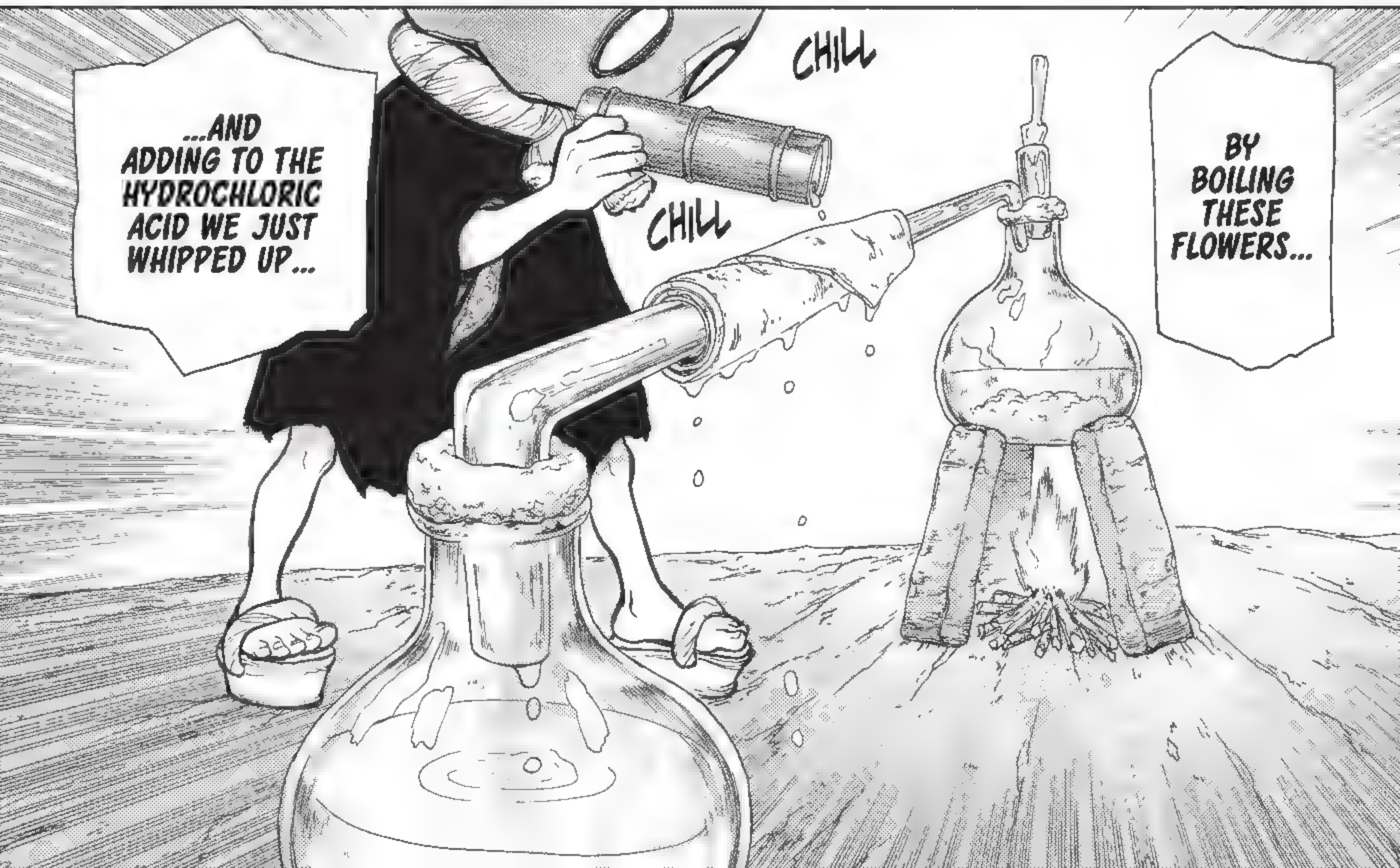
A GIFT  
FROM THE  
HOT SPRINGS  
WE CALL  
FLOWERS OF  
SULFUR.

THIS'LL  
LET US  
TAKE A BIG  
SHORTCUT.

YOU WERE  
SCRAPING  
IT UP AT  
THE GREEN  
LAKE.

OH,  
WHAT'S  
THAT  
WHITE  
POWDER?

FRESH



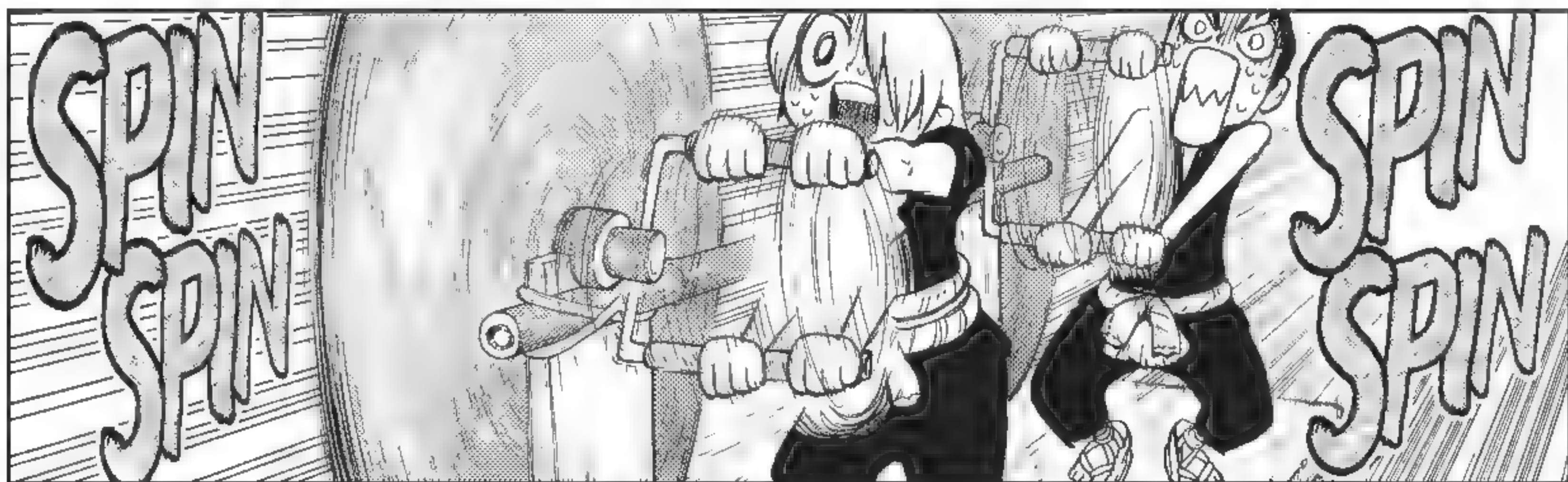
...AND  
ADDING TO THE  
HYDROCHLORIC  
ACID WE JUST  
WHIPPED UP...

CHILL

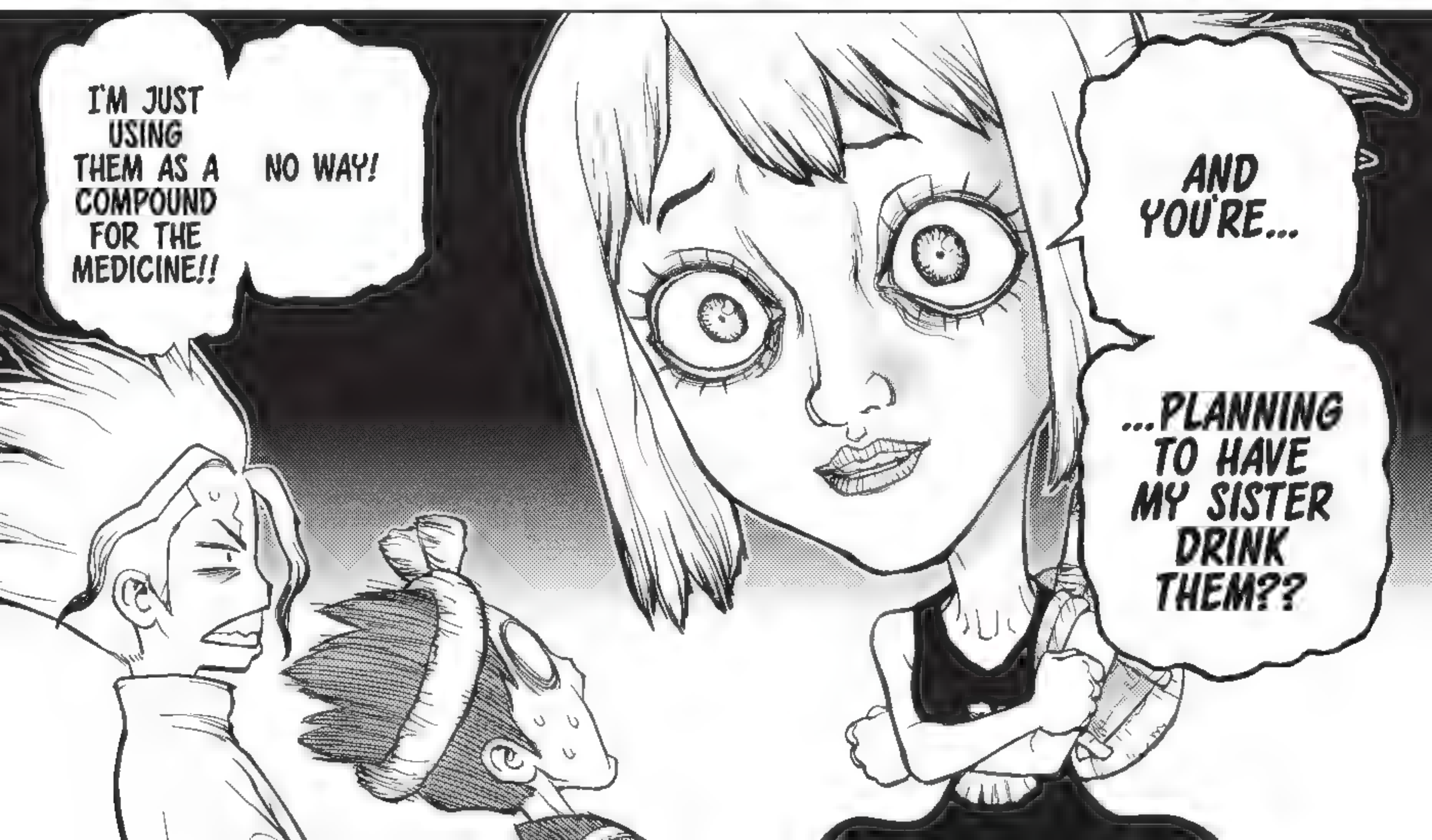
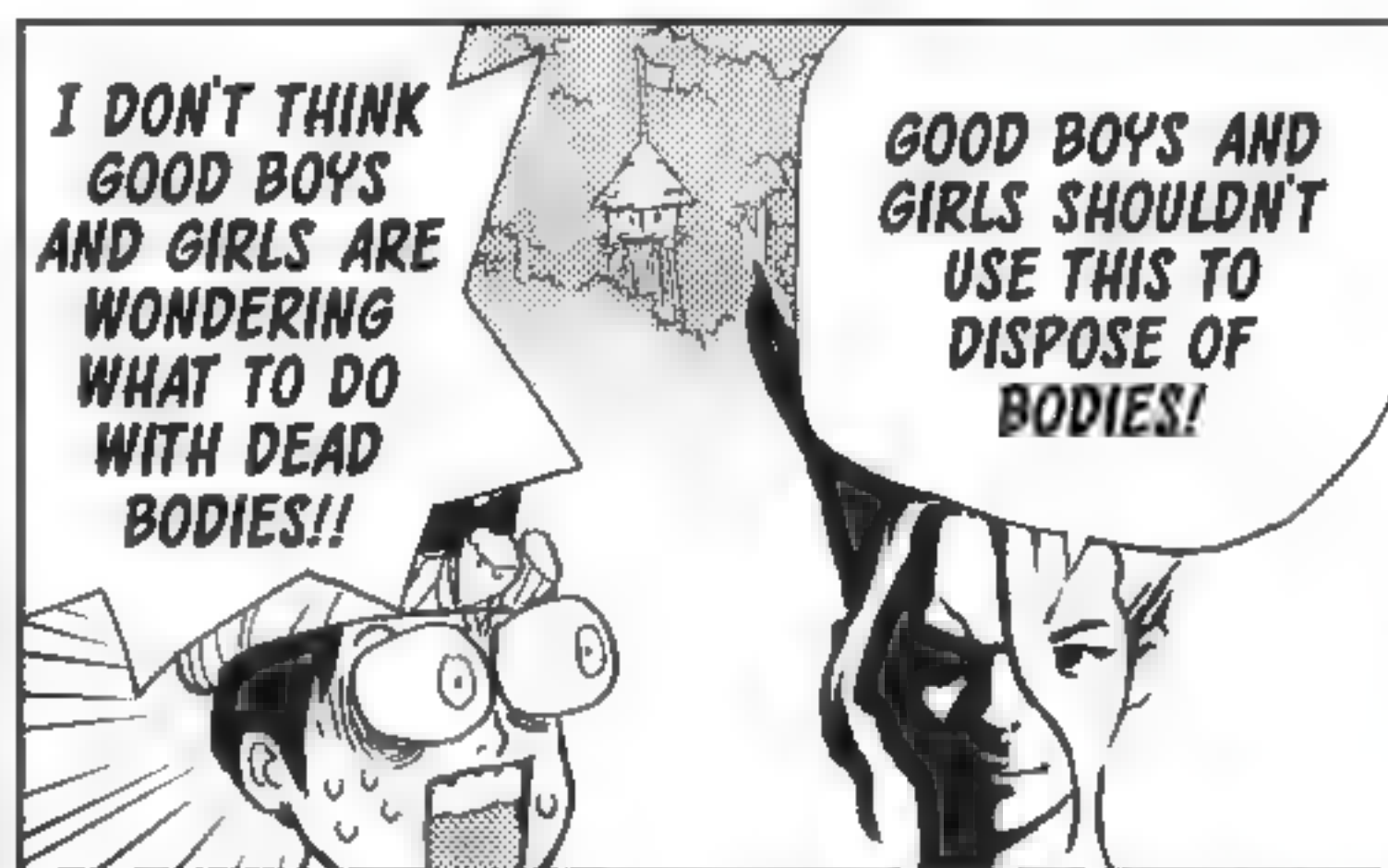
CHILL

BY  
BOILING  
THESE  
FLOWERS...

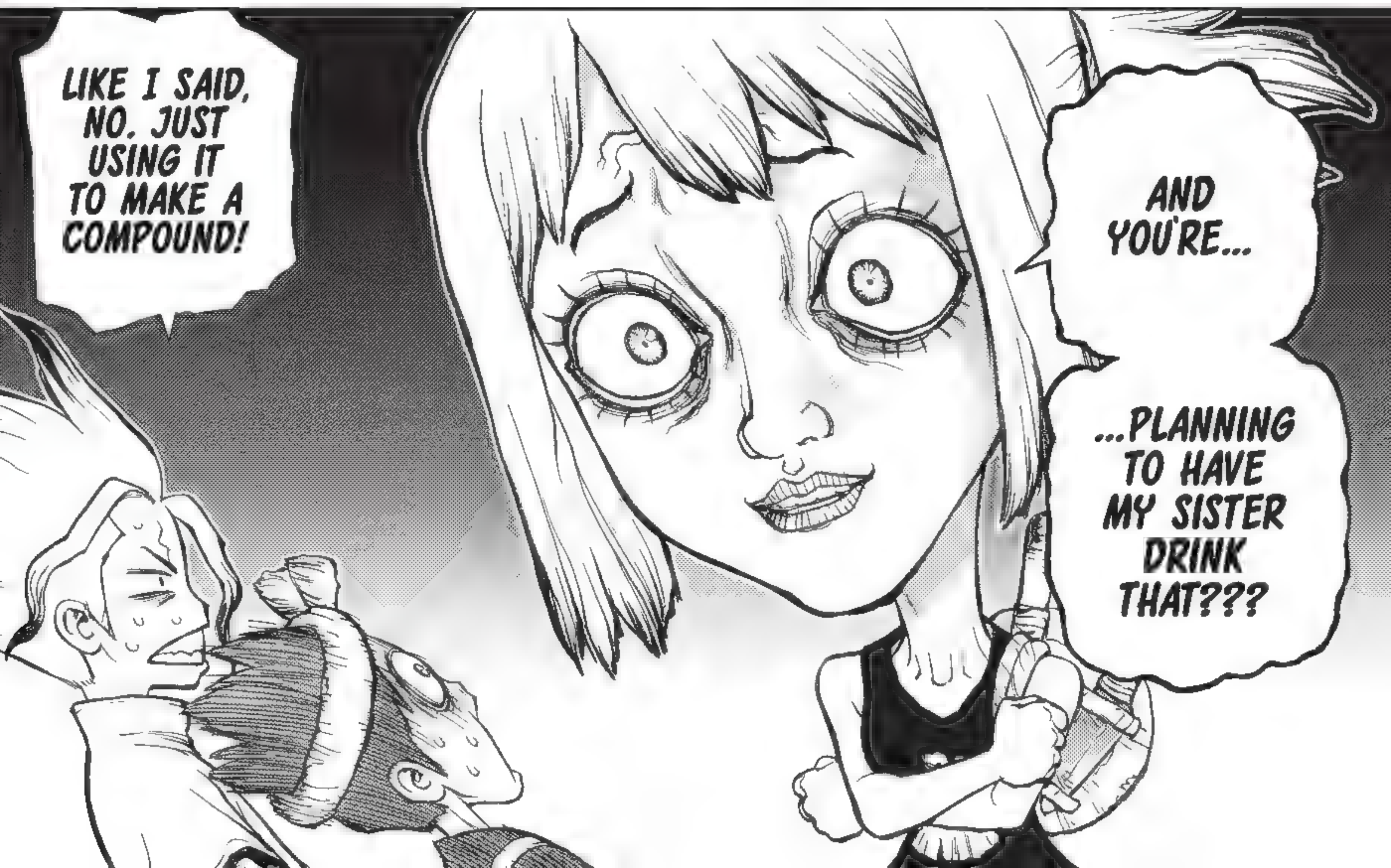
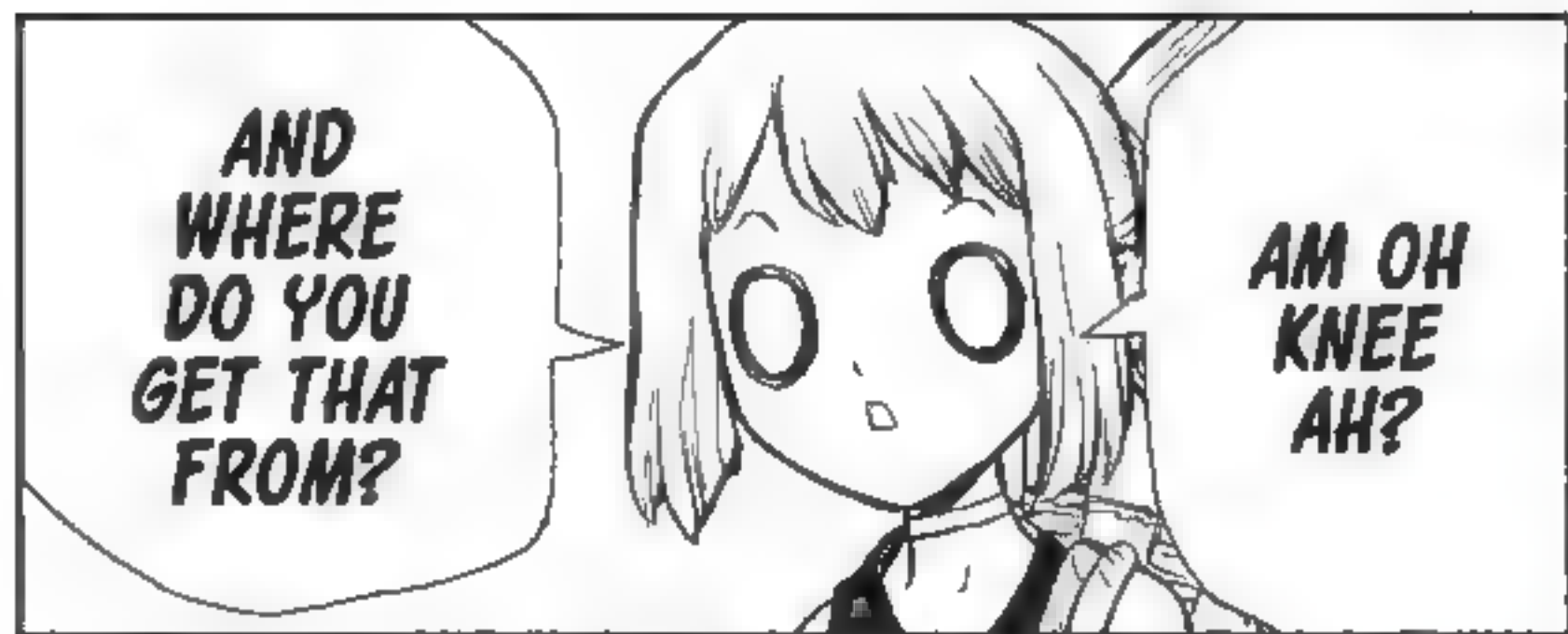
















SODIUM BI-CARBONATE, ANILINE AND ACETIC ANHYDRIDE.

WE BASICALLY ONLY HAVE THREE MORE TO GO.

ALL RIGHT! WE HAVE ALMOST EVERY SPOT FILLED IN!

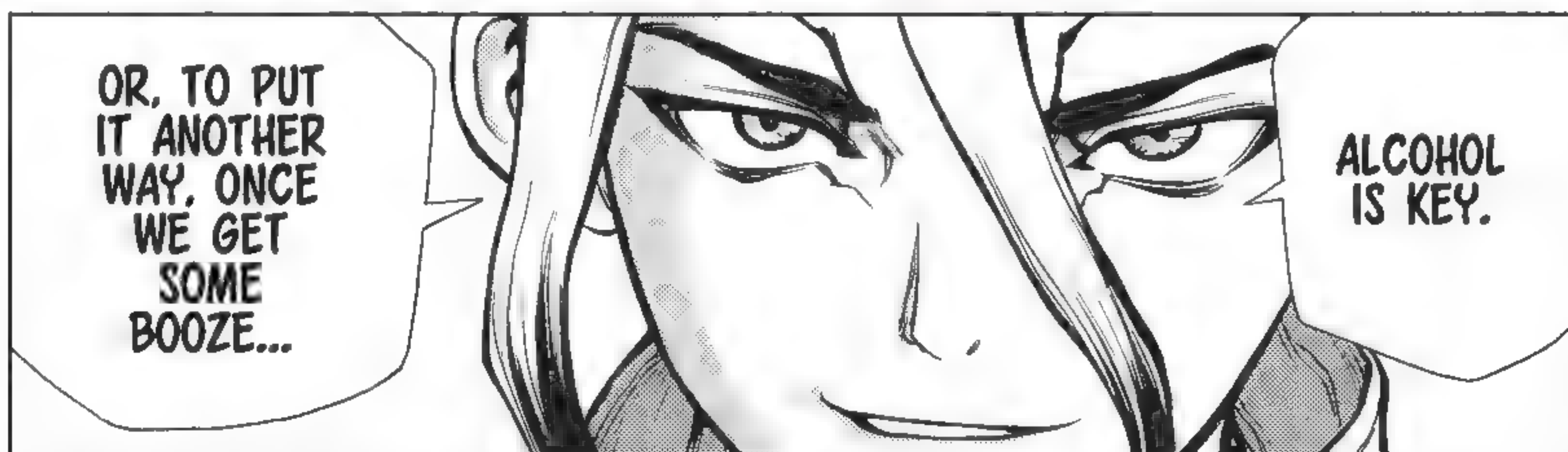
NO CLUE WHAT THOSE ARE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE AN INCANTATION.

SALT!

URINE!  
(AMMONIA!)

ELEC-TRICITY!

IRON!



OR, TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, ONCE WE GET SOME BOOZE...

ALCOHOL IS KEY.



...WILL FINALLY BE COMPLETE!!

THE SULFONAMIDE PANACEA...

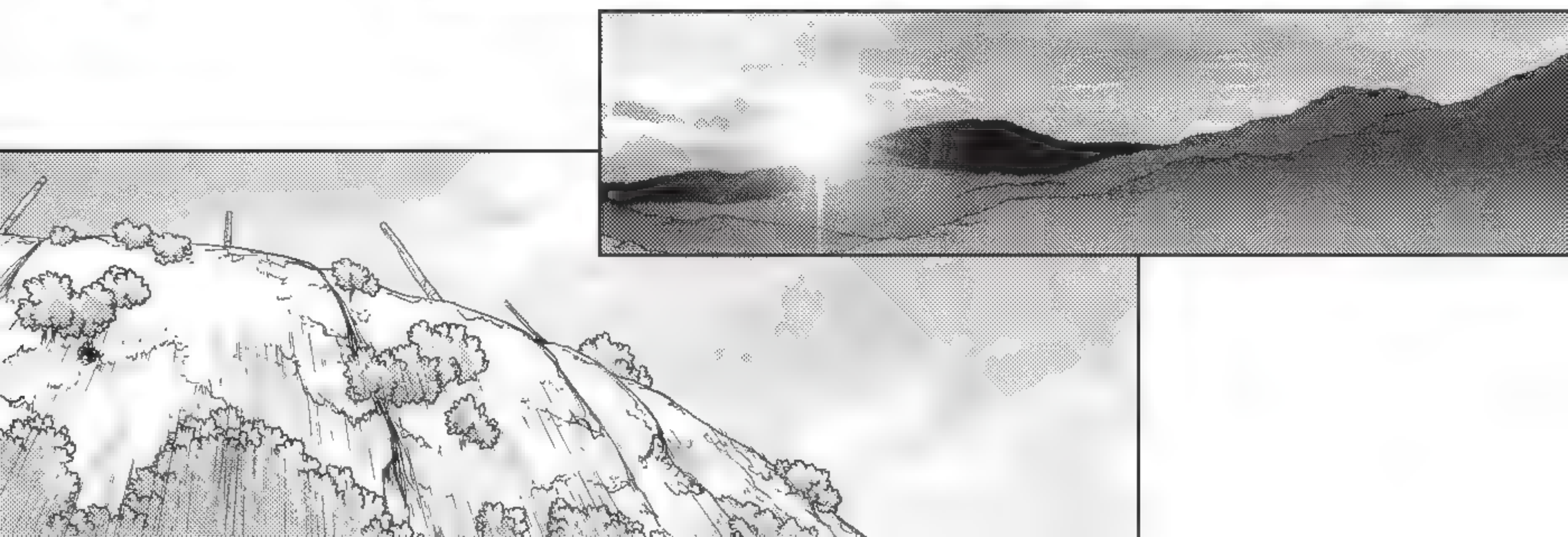
OH HHHH!!

BOOZE??

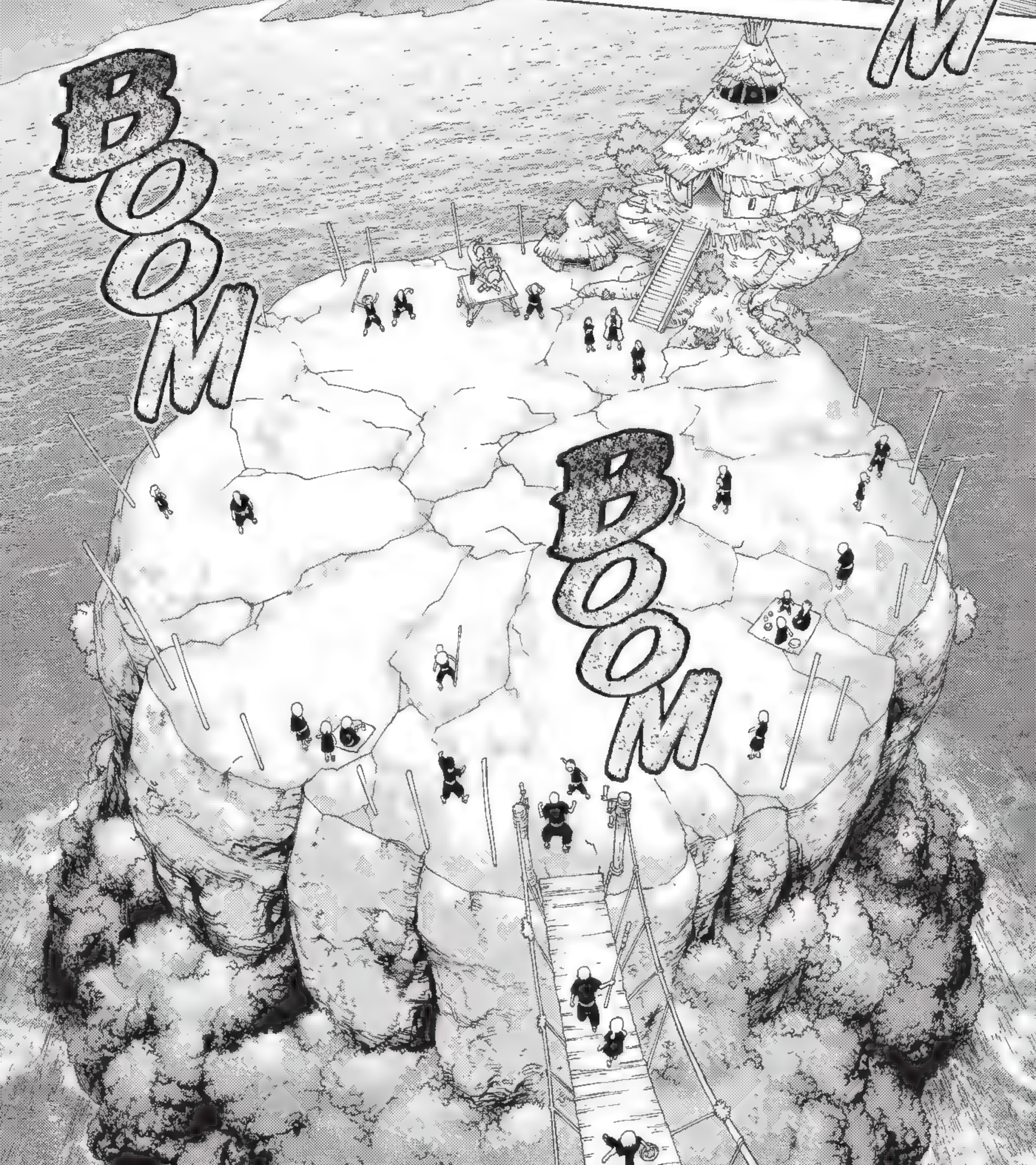
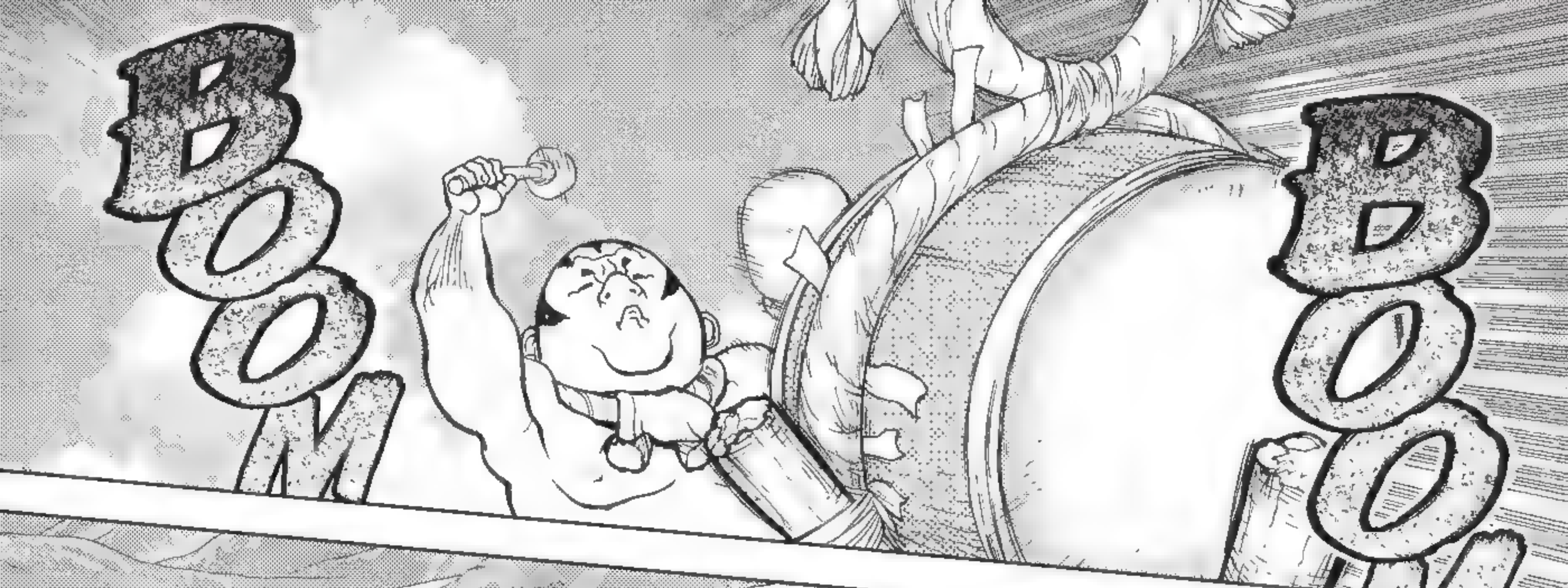
IT'S BOUND TO TAKE TIME AND ENERGY, BUT IF WE THROW ENOUGH MANPOWER AT THE TASK...

BETTER MAKE SOME BOOZE QUICK, THEN!!

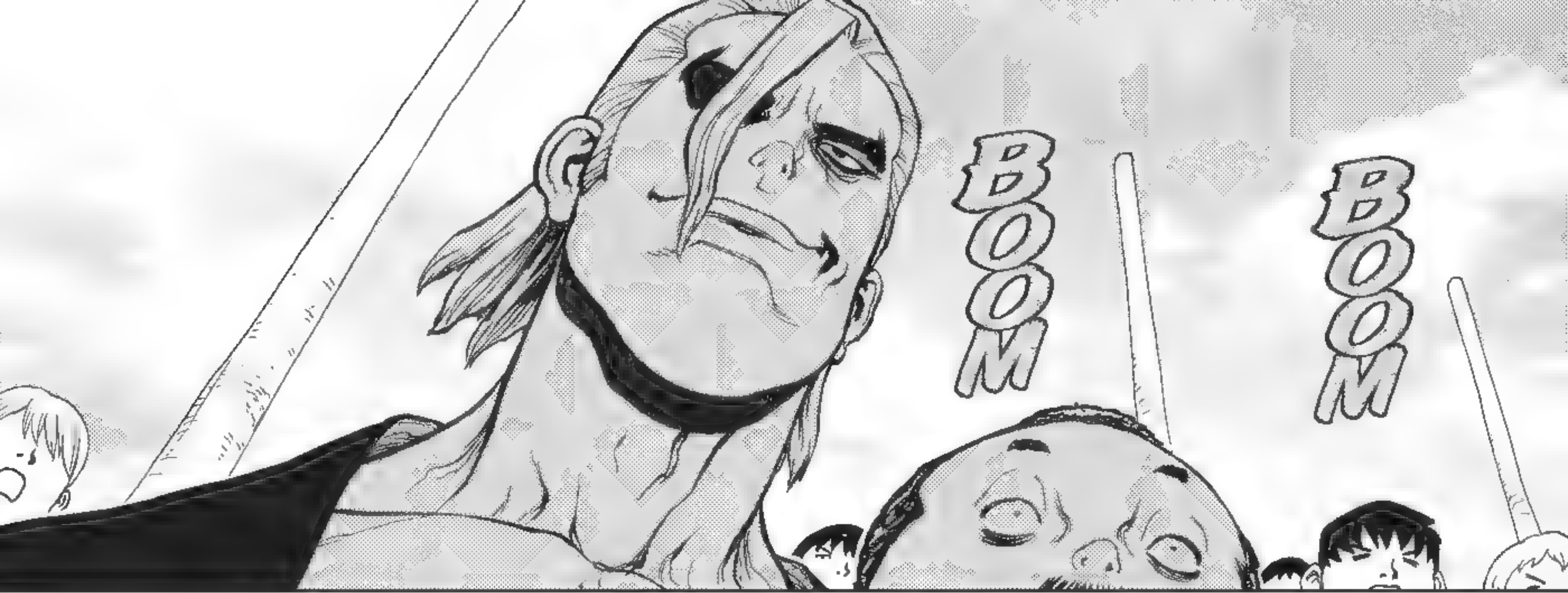












**NO DELAYS, I TAKE IT? TURQUOISE ?!**

**NO, CHIEF.**

**WELL, I MEAN, THE PREPARATIONS...**

**...ARE ALL FINISHED!**



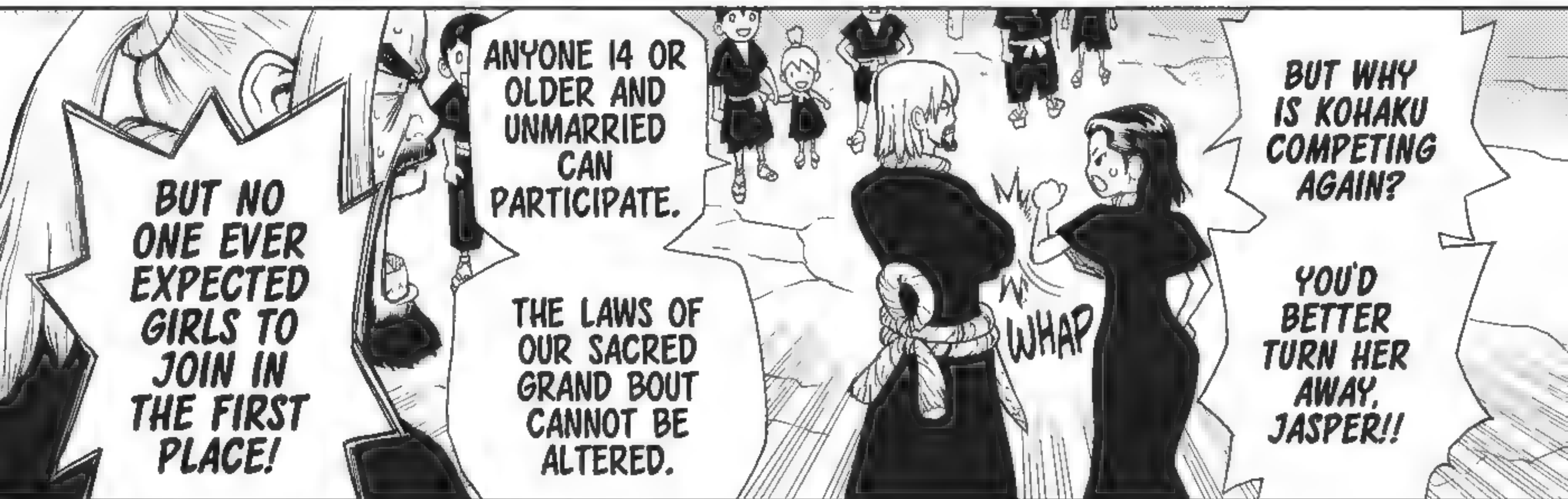
**YES...**



**WHAT AMAZINGLY FINE WEATHER!**

**THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES ARE EAGER TO SEE THE RISE OF RURI'S HUSBAND AND A NEW CHIEF.**

**RIGHT, RURI?**



**BUT NO ONE EVER EXPECTED GIRLS TO JOIN IN THE FIRST PLACE!**

**ANYONE 14 OR OLDER AND UNMARRIED CAN PARTICIPATE.**

**THE LAWS OF OUR SACRED GRAND BOUT CANNOT BE ALTERED.**

**BUT WHY IS KOHAKU COMPETING AGAIN?**

**YOU'D BETTER TURN HER AWAY, JASPER!!**

**WHAP**



**...ISN'T FIT TO INHERIT THE CHIEF'S THRONE!**

**BECAUSE ANY MAN WHO CAN'T TRIUMPH OVER HER...**

**HMPH... NOT THAT IT MATTERS.**





HM?  
WELL,  
WHO  
IS  
IT?

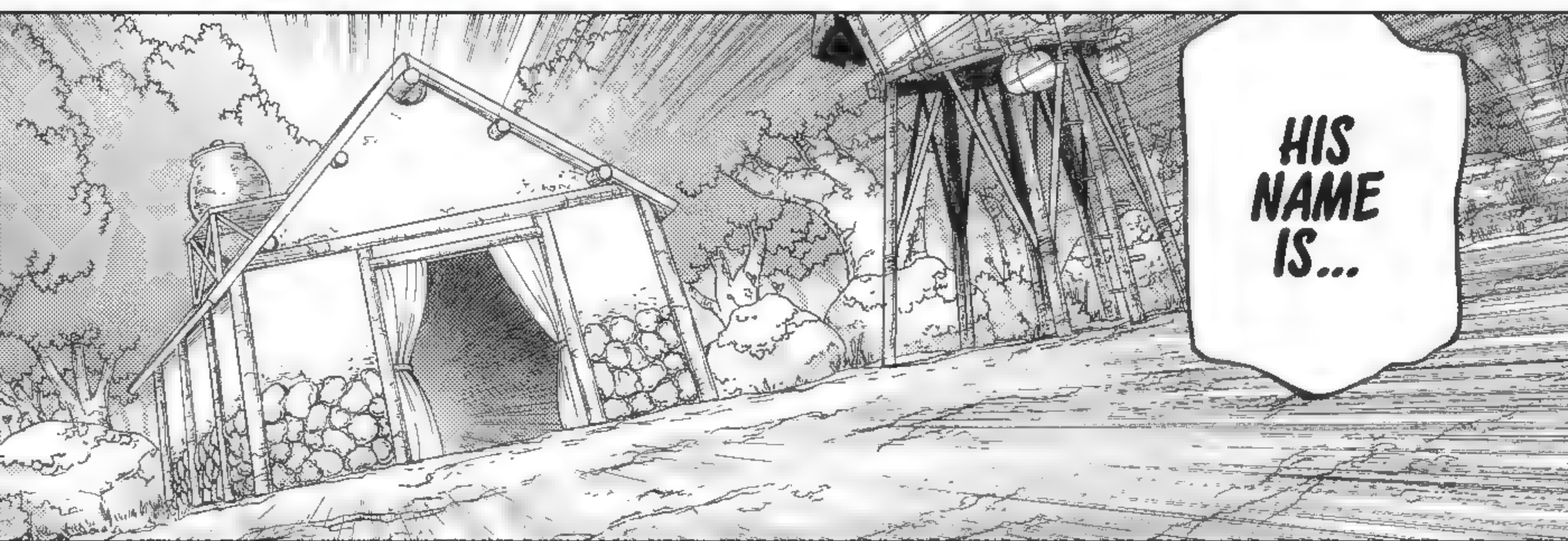
IT SEEMS  
WE HAVE  
AN EXTRA  
PERSON...

...JOINING  
THE  
TOURNA-  
MENT.

CHIEF.

WE  
ACTUALLY  
HAVE  
ANOTHER  
PROBLEM.

...



HIS  
NAME  
IS...



YOU'RE  
FIGHTING  
IN THE  
GRAND  
BOUT?!

SENKU!





...BECOME  
SUCH GOOD  
BUDDIES??

WHEN DID  
SENKU  
AND  
GINRO...

**BAM!**

THEY'VE BONDED  
OVER BOTH  
BEING SUCH  
SLEAZEBAGS...



YUP. AND  
NOBODY EVER  
SAID YOU  
HAVE TO BE  
A VILLAGER!

YOU'RE  
OVER 14  
AND  
UNMARRIED,  
RIGHT,  
SENKU?

YEAH, I  
SUBMITTED  
HIS NAME.



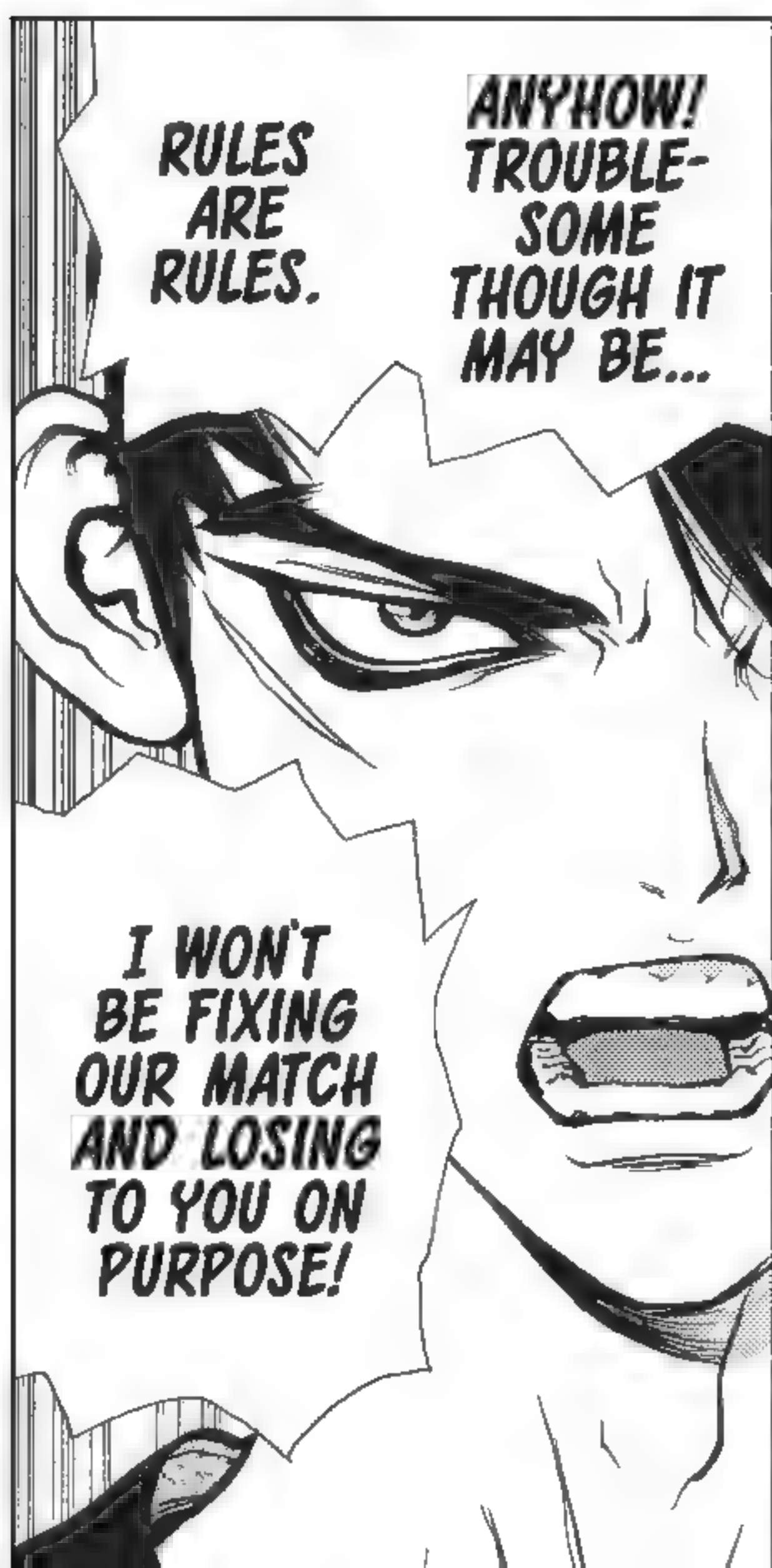
FORGET  
THAT!

WHAT IF  
WE FACE  
EACH  
OTHER...

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
I AIN'T  
PLANNING  
TO WIN.

BUT  
IT'S STILL  
WORTH IT TO  
TIRE OUT MY  
OPPONENT.

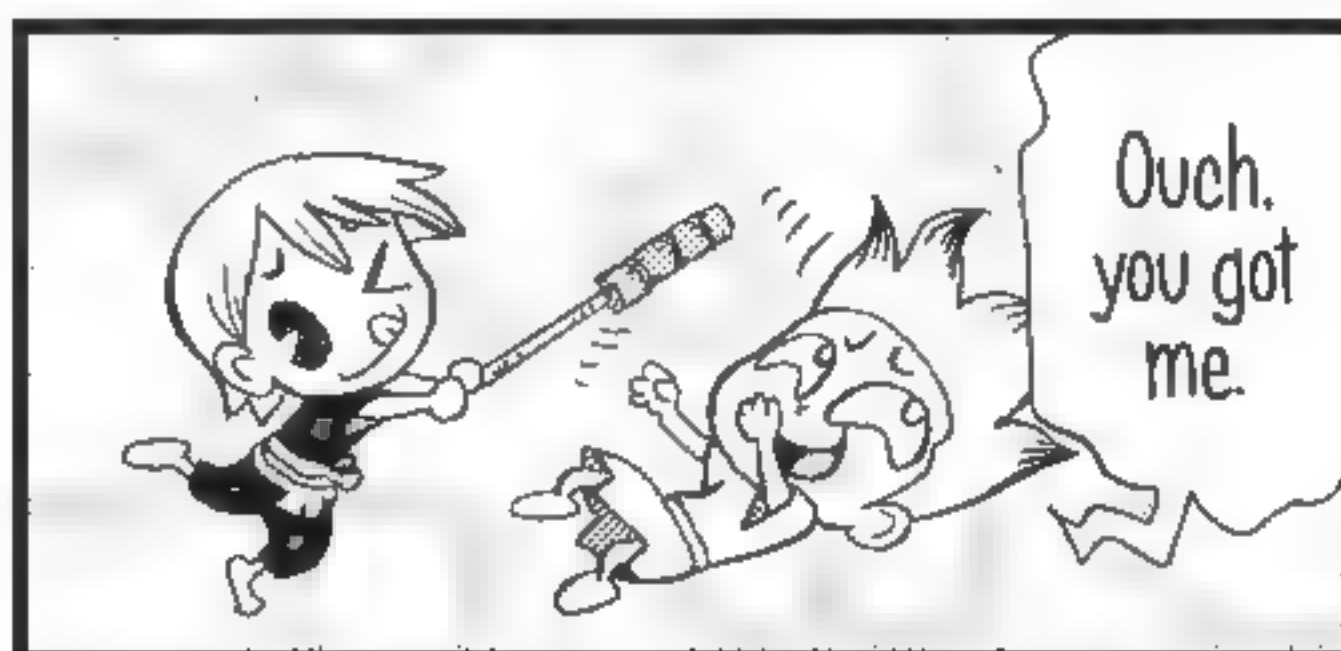
BUT, SENKU,  
YOU'RE NOT  
MUCH OF A  
FIGHTER...



RULES  
ARE  
RULES.

ANYHOW!  
TROUBLE-  
SOME  
THOUGH IT  
MAY BE...

I WON'T  
BE FIXING  
OUR MATCH  
AND LOSING  
TO YOU ON  
PURPOSE!



Ouch.  
you got  
me.



BUT...

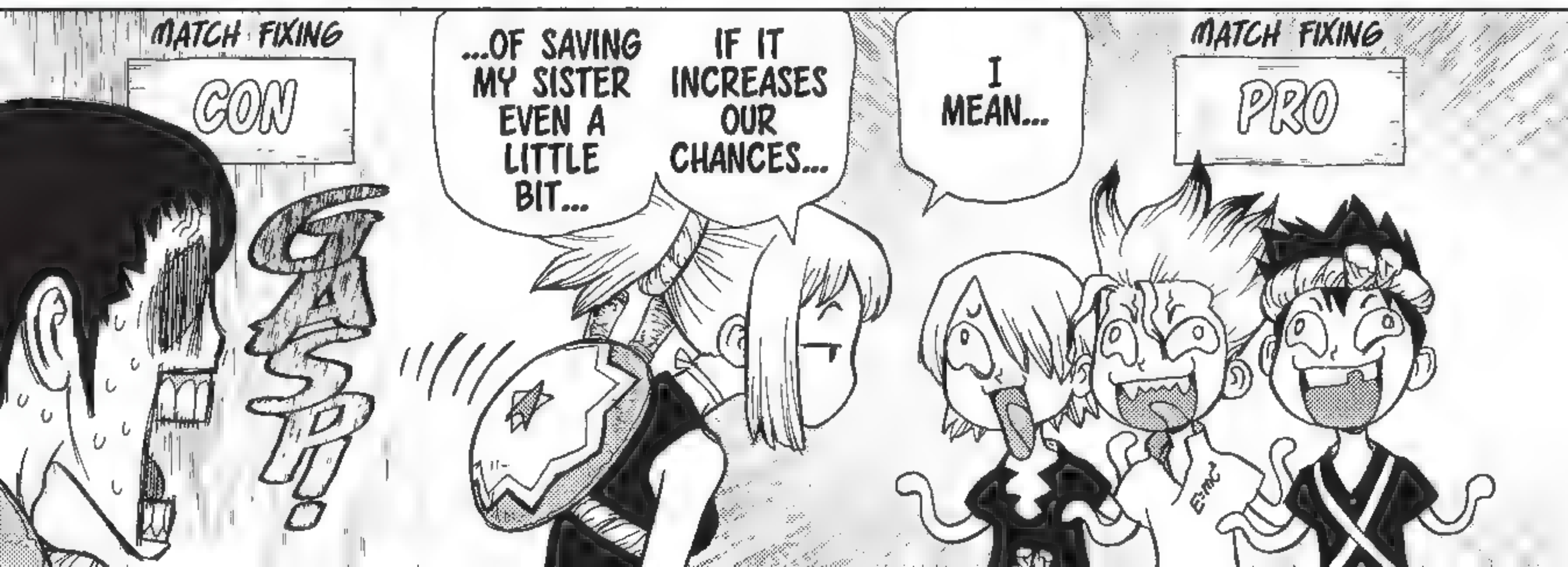
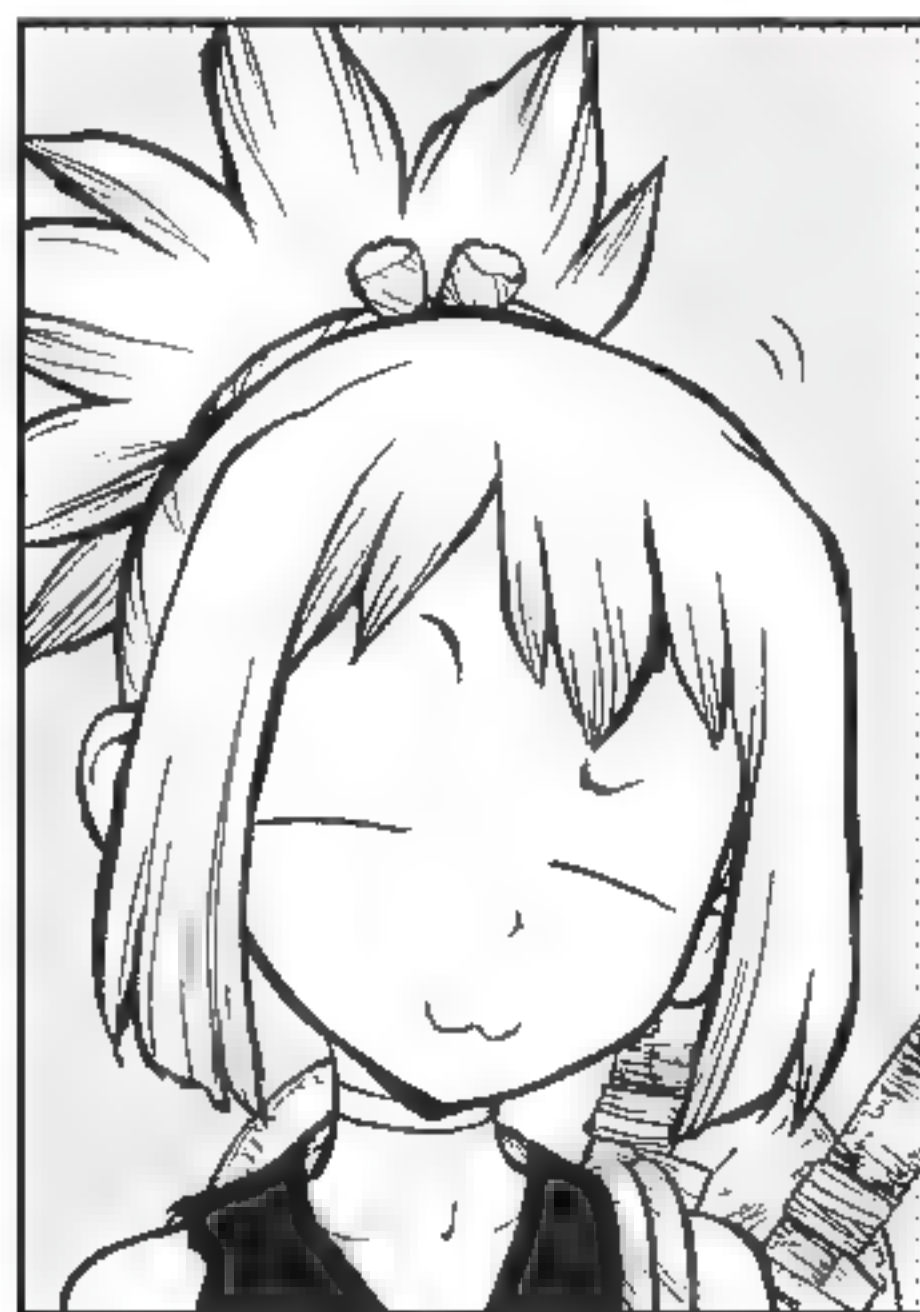
ISN'T THAT  
MATCH  
FIXING?

HOW VILE.  
EVEN  
FOR YOU,  
GINRO...

I'LL SWEEP  
THROUGH  
THE  
RANKS NO  
PROBLEMO!!

THE MORE  
ALLIES  
WE'VE GOT  
COMPETING,  
THE  
BETTER!!









SENKU  
SET  
FOOT...

...IN THE  
VILLAGE.

TO  
MP!

TMP



BOOM

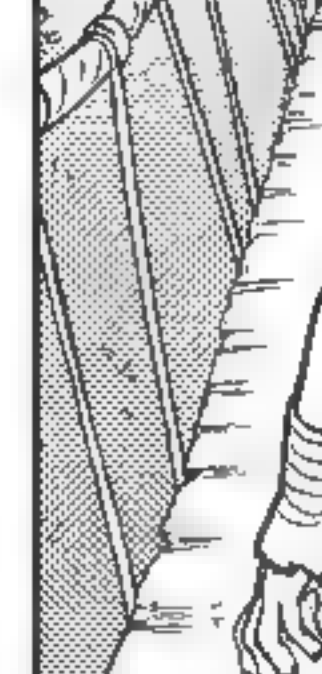


TMP

BOOM



IT HAD  
BEEN  
FIVE  
MONTHS  
SINCE HE  
ARRIVED...



BUT  
THAT  
DAY...

...FOR  
THE VERY  
FIRST  
TIME...







SENKU...?



NO, I  
HAVEN'T.

WHY? HAVE  
YOU MET  
THIS MAN  
BEFORE,  
RURI?!

NOR  
WOULD  
I HAVE  
THOUGHT  
SUCH A  
THING  
POSSIBLE.

YET...



DID YOU  
JUST  
SAY...

...THAT HIS  
NAME IS  
SENKU?



THIS  
SENKU...

EVEN  
SO, THIS  
MAN...





**I  
KNOW  
HIM!**

**FOR  
YEARS  
NOW.**

**NO.  
COME  
TO THINK  
OF IT,  
FOR AN  
ETERNITY,  
EVEN.**

**FROM  
FAR IN THE  
DISTANT  
PAST...!!**





**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**I want to have hair like Senku's, so  
please tell me what products to use!!**



**ST-san from Nara Prefecture (and others)**

**SEARCH**



No products. Those are simply cowlicks! His particularly unruly hair automatically takes that form!

When one engages in as much thinking as Senku does, the brain waves travel into one's hair like electric shocks... That is one theory, in any case!



## Science Questions

How does one make gasoline out of plastic bottle caps?

## Character Questions

If Tajuu and Tsukasa really fought, who would win?

## Questions That Aren't Really Questions

I wanna get petrified and challenge myself to count the seconds..

Now accepting any and all queries! Submit ten billion questions to me!

My name is

**MECHA  
SENKU!!**

**WHRRR KLANK**

# DR. STONE



## **Z=34: Sneaky Grand Bout Strategy**







SO  
YOU...  
YOU'RE...

SENKU...?

CHATTER

CHATTER

AND  
YOU'RE THE  
SHAMANESS  
RURI,  
RIGHT?

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
WE MEET  
AT LAST.

...I MUST  
ASK YOU.

THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
...

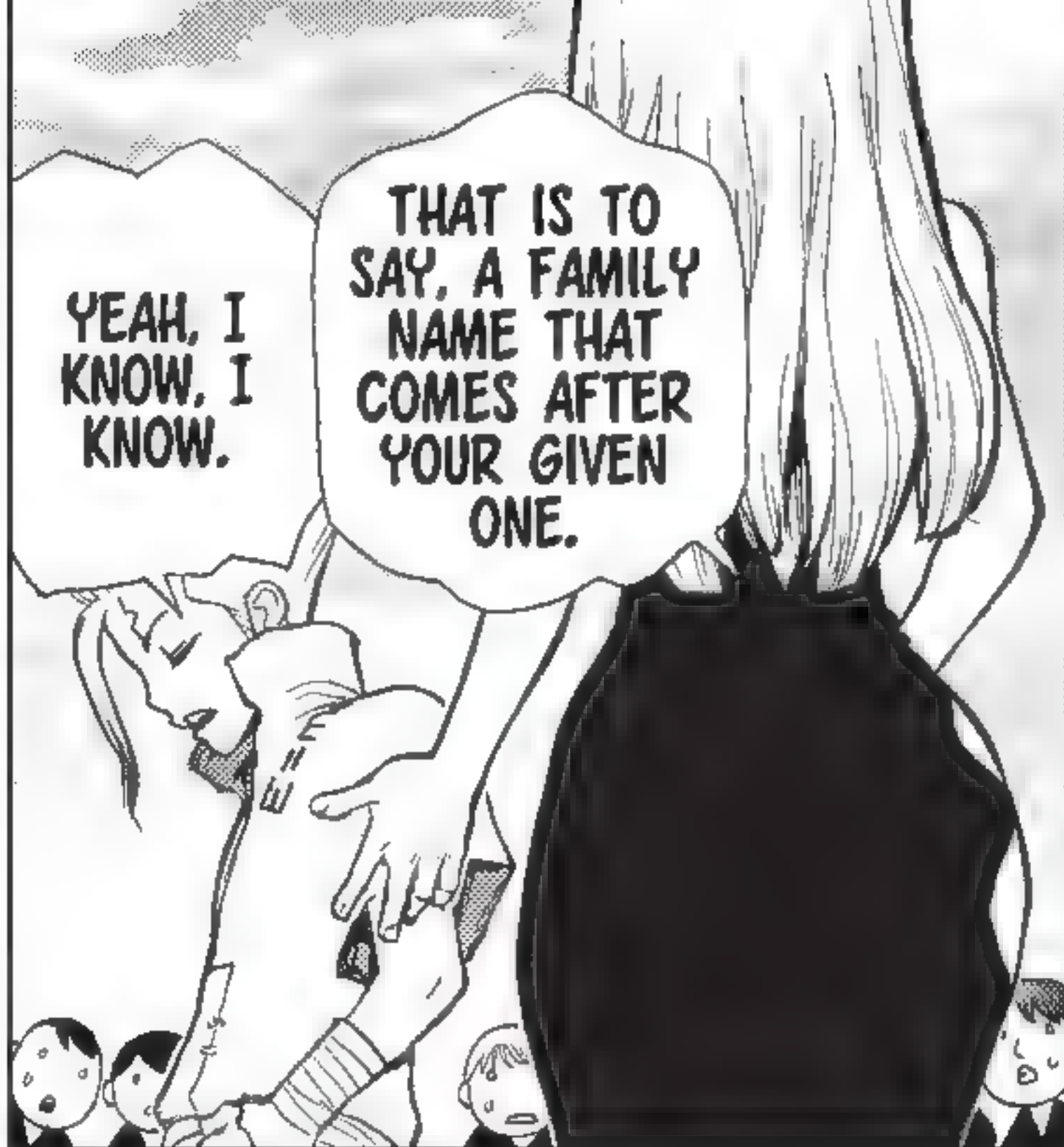




**SENKU.  
WHAT  
IS...**

**...YOUR  
LAST  
NAME?**









**RURI!**

**NOT A  
CHANCE  
IN HELL,  
MAGMA!!**



**MWA HA HA,  
PERFECT! NOW  
I DON'T EVEN  
GOTTA KILL RURI  
MYSELF.**

**IF SHE'S  
GONNA  
CROAK RIGHT  
AFTER I  
MARRY  
HER...**

**...I'D BE  
HAPPY TO  
KEEP HER  
HAPPY UNTIL  
THEN!**



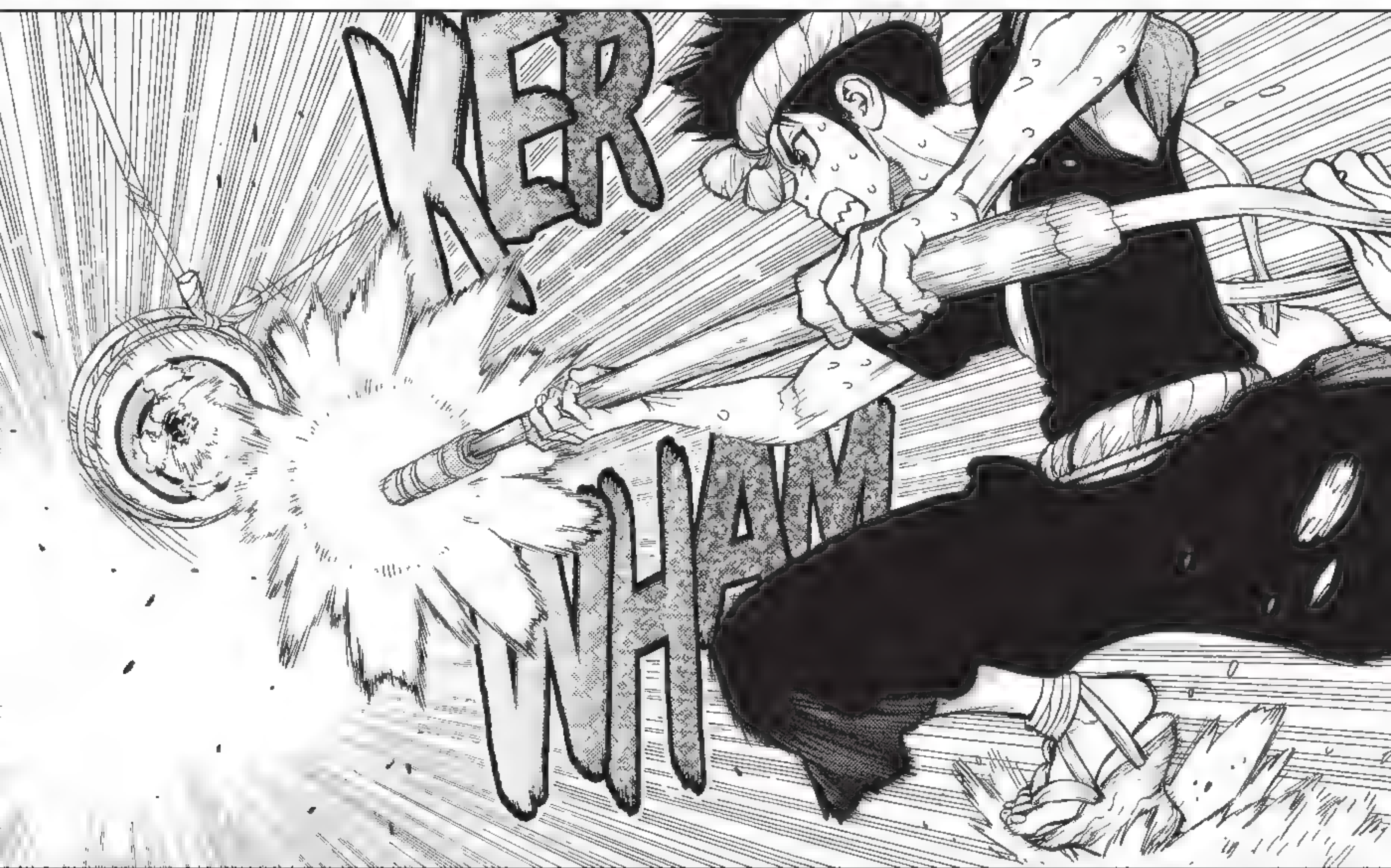
**I'VE GOT A  
BOATLOAD  
OF  
QUESTIONS,  
MYSELF.**

**...WE'RE  
GONNA SIT  
DOWN FOR  
A NICE,  
LONG CHAT.**

**SO ONCE  
KINRO  
WINS AND  
MARRIES  
YOU...**



**PHEW**



**KER**

**WHAM**



**STABBING  
THAT  
TARGET  
OVER AND  
OVER AND  
OVER.**

**YEAH,  
CHROME'S  
BEEN  
GOING  
AT IT.**

**OH! LOOK  
AT YOU,  
CHROME.**

**THOSE'RE  
SOME  
DECENT  
THRUSTS!!**

**KER-HAM-HAM-HAM**









THIS IS...

FAIR PLAY?  
AS IF!

THE GOALS  
TO BEAT  
MAGMA AND  
SAVE RURI,  
AFTER ALL!

WHO  
CARES  
IF IT'S  
DISHONOR-  
ABLE?

WE'RE NOT  
IN IT TO  
WIN IT!

...OUR  
SNEAKY  
GRAND  
BOUT  
STRATEGY!!

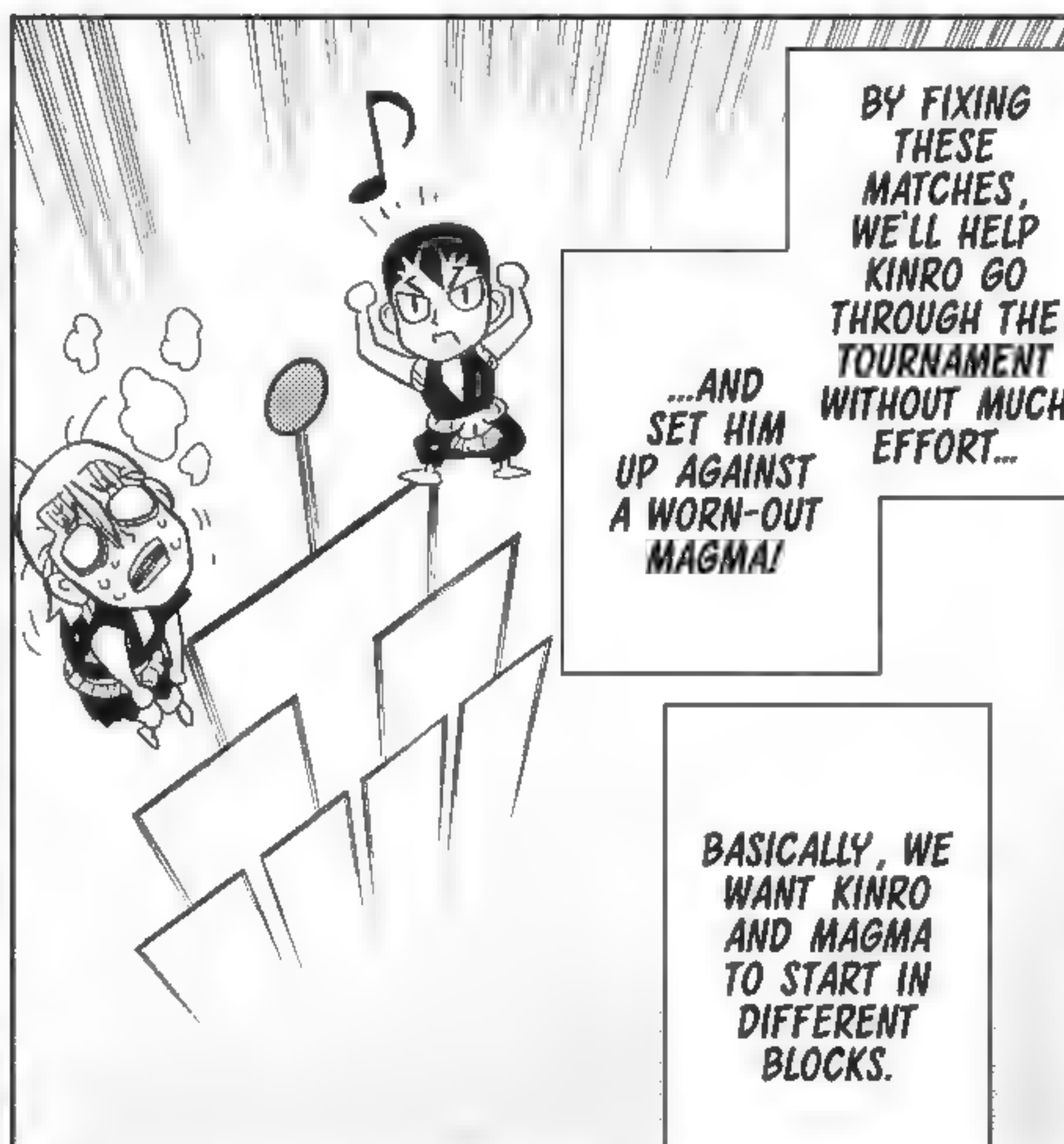


NO DOUBT.  
WE CAN ONLY  
HOPE THAT  
THE KOHAKU  
VERSUS  
MAGMA  
MATCH COMES  
EARLY...

...FOR ME  
TO CRUSH  
MAGMA  
STRAIGHT-  
AWAY IN  
THE FIRST  
BATTLE.

THE  
EASIEST  
SOLUTION,  
OF COURSE,  
WOULD BE...

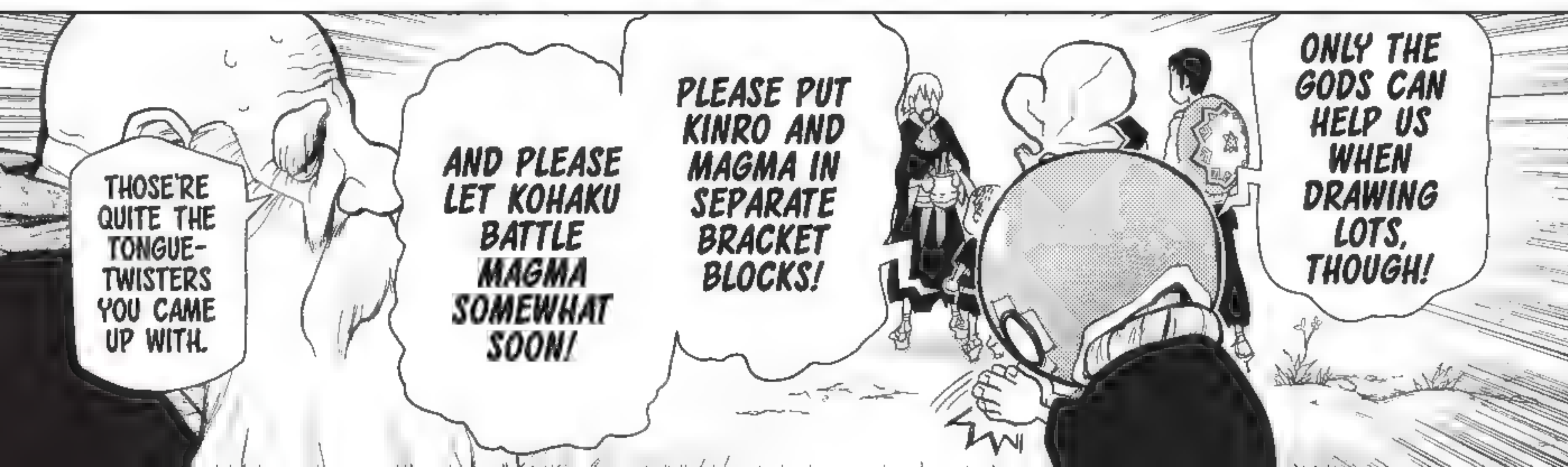
...CUZ IF  
KOHAKU WINS  
IT ALL, THEN  
WE'RE GOOD  
TO GO.



BY FIXING  
THESE  
MATCHES,  
WE'LL HELP  
KINRO GO  
THROUGH THE  
TOURNAMENT  
WITHOUT MUCH  
EFFORT...

...AND  
SET HIM  
UP AGAINST  
A WORN-OUT  
MAGMA!

BASICALLY, WE  
WANT KINRO  
AND MAGMA  
TO START IN  
DIFFERENT  
BLOCKS.



THOSE'RE  
QUITE THE  
TONGUE-  
TWISTERS  
YOU CAME  
UP WITH.

AND PLEASE  
LET KOHAKU  
BATTLE  
MAGMA  
SOMEWHAT  
SOON!

PLEASE PUT  
KINRO AND  
MAGMA IN  
SEPARATE  
BRACKET  
BLOCKS!

ONLY THE  
GODS CAN  
HELP US  
WHEN  
DRAWING  
LOTS,  
THOUGH!





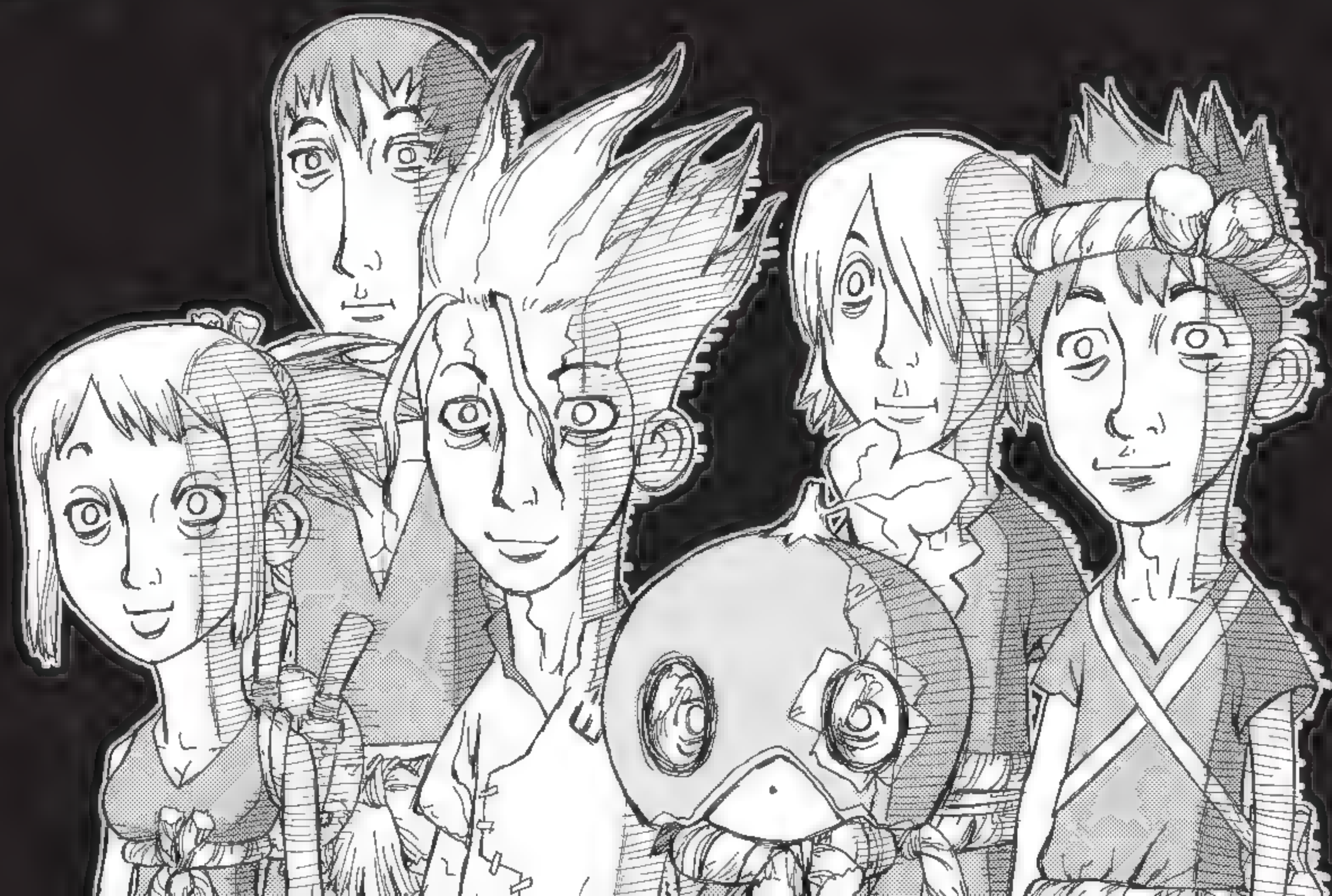
...IS  
KINRO  
VERSUS  
MAGMA!!

THE FIRST  
MATCH  
OF THE  
GRAND  
BOUT...



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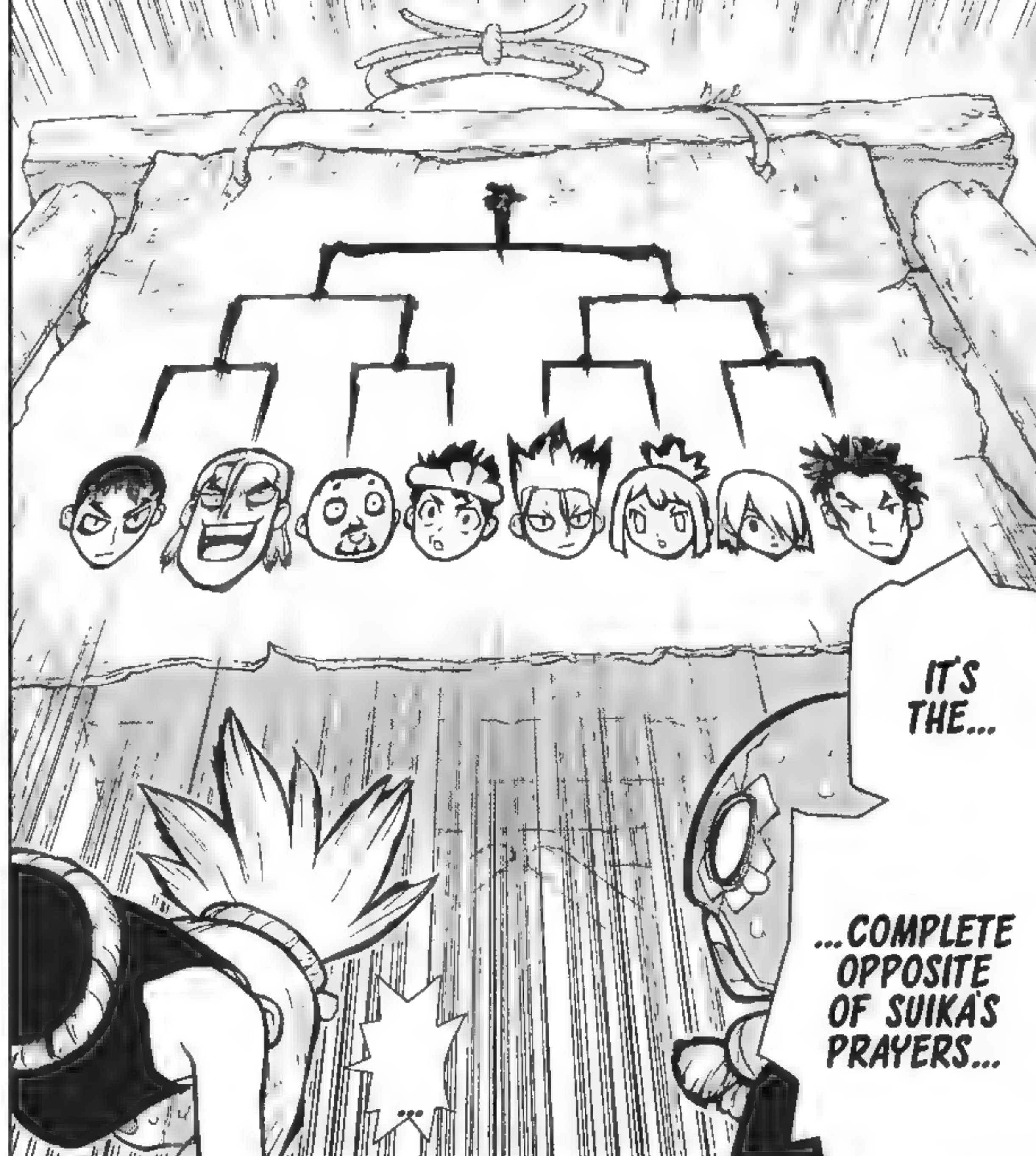






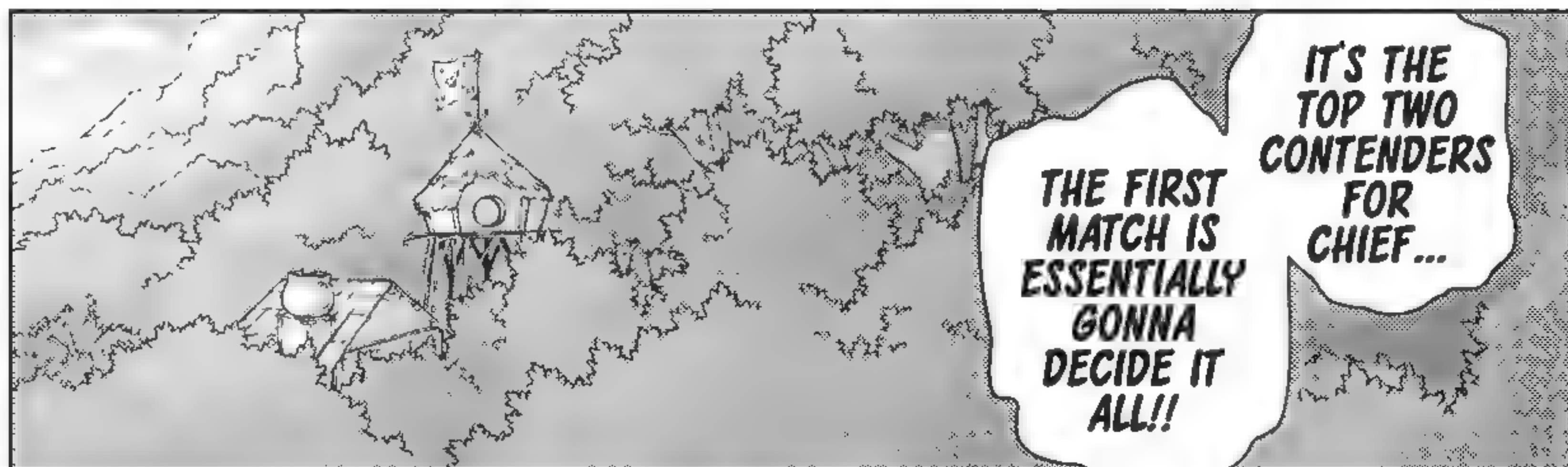
RIGHT OFF  
THE BAT, IT'S  
THE MAIN  
EVENT! KINRO  
VERSUS  
MAGMA!!

LOTS OF  
DROPOUTS THIS  
TIME, SINCE  
MAGMA AND  
KOHAKU ARE  
CLEARLY A  
CUT ABOVE  
THE REST.



IT'S  
THE...

...COMPLETE  
OPPOSITE  
OF SUIKA'S  
PRAYERS...



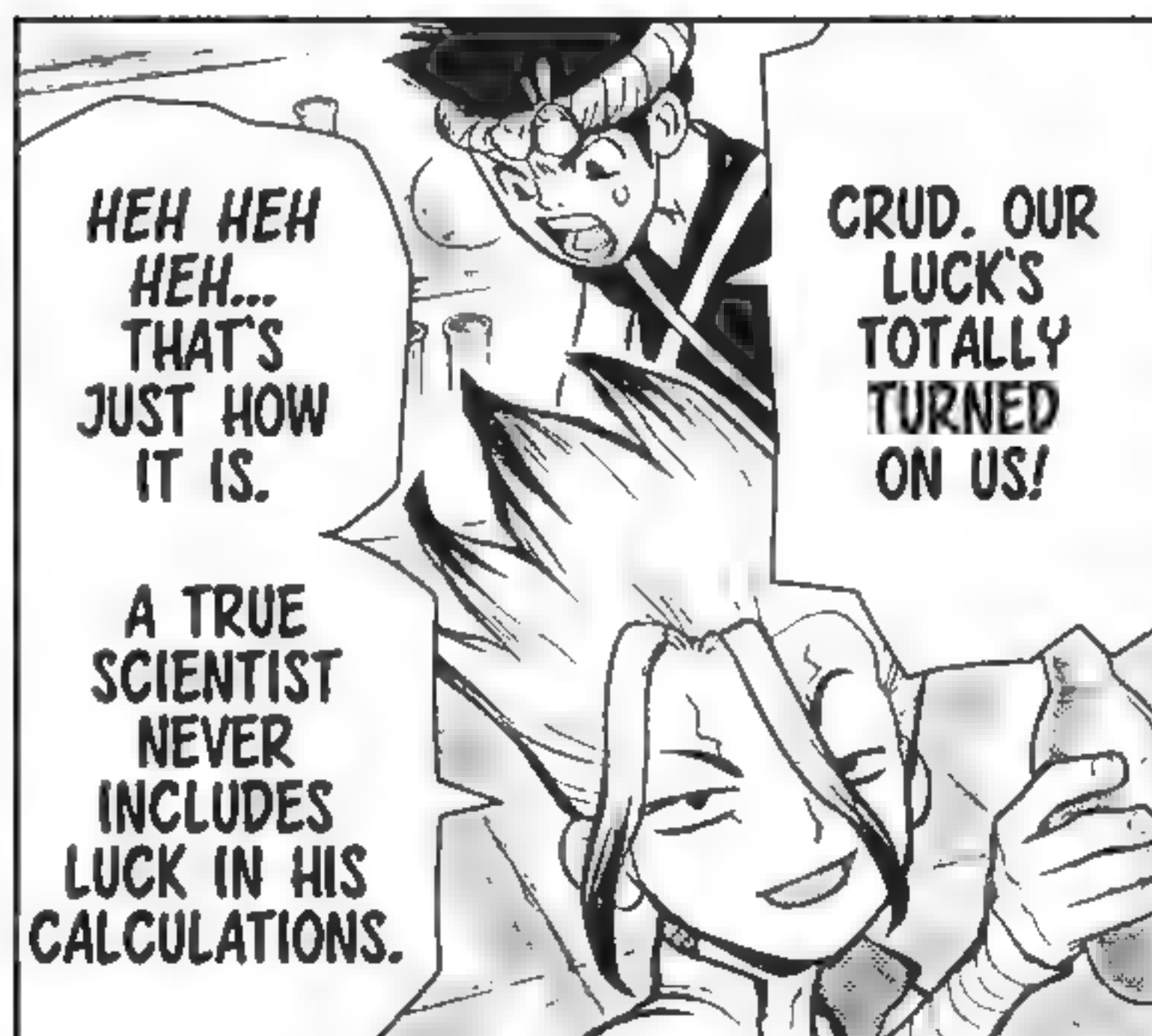
THE FIRST  
MATCH IS  
ESSENTIALLY  
GONNA  
DECIDE IT  
ALL!!

IT'S THE  
TOP TWO  
CONTENDERS  
FOR  
CHIEF...



EVEN  
WHEN  
DEALT  
THE  
WORST  
HAND...

...WE'LL  
PLAY  
EVERY  
CARD WE  
HAVE!



HEH HEH  
HEH...  
THAT'S  
JUST HOW  
IT IS.

A TRUE  
SCIENTIST  
NEVER  
INCLUDES  
LUCK IN HIS  
CALCULATIONS.

CRUD. OUR  
LUCK'S  
TOTALLY  
TURNED  
ON US!



Not good...

MUTTER  
MUTTER  
MUTTER  
MUTTER  
MUTTER

Not  
good at  
all...



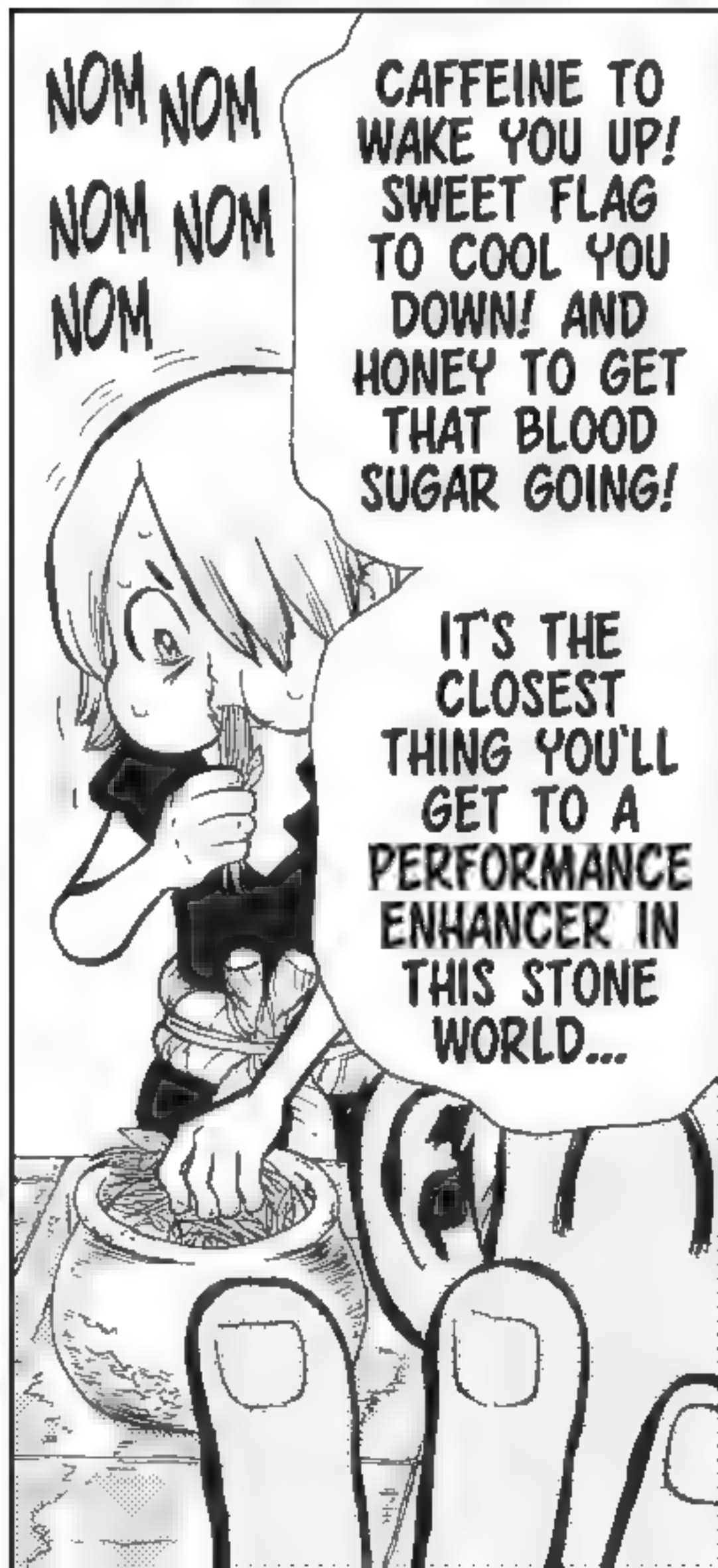


WITH THE  
KINGDOM'S  
PATENT-  
PENDING  
...

...POWER-  
UP  
SCIENCE  
DRINK....!!

SO  
NOW OUR  
SCHEME  
TO WIN  
THE  
GRAND  
BOUT...

...INCLUDES  
DOPING!!



NOM NOM  
NOM NOM  
NOM

CAFFEINE TO  
WAKE YOU UP!  
SWEET FLAG  
TO COOL YOU  
DOWN! AND  
HONEY TO GET  
THAT BLOOD  
SUGAR GOING!

IT'S THE  
CLOSEST  
THING YOU'LL  
GET TO A  
PERFORMANCE  
ENHANCER IN  
THIS STONE  
WORLD...



HONEY.

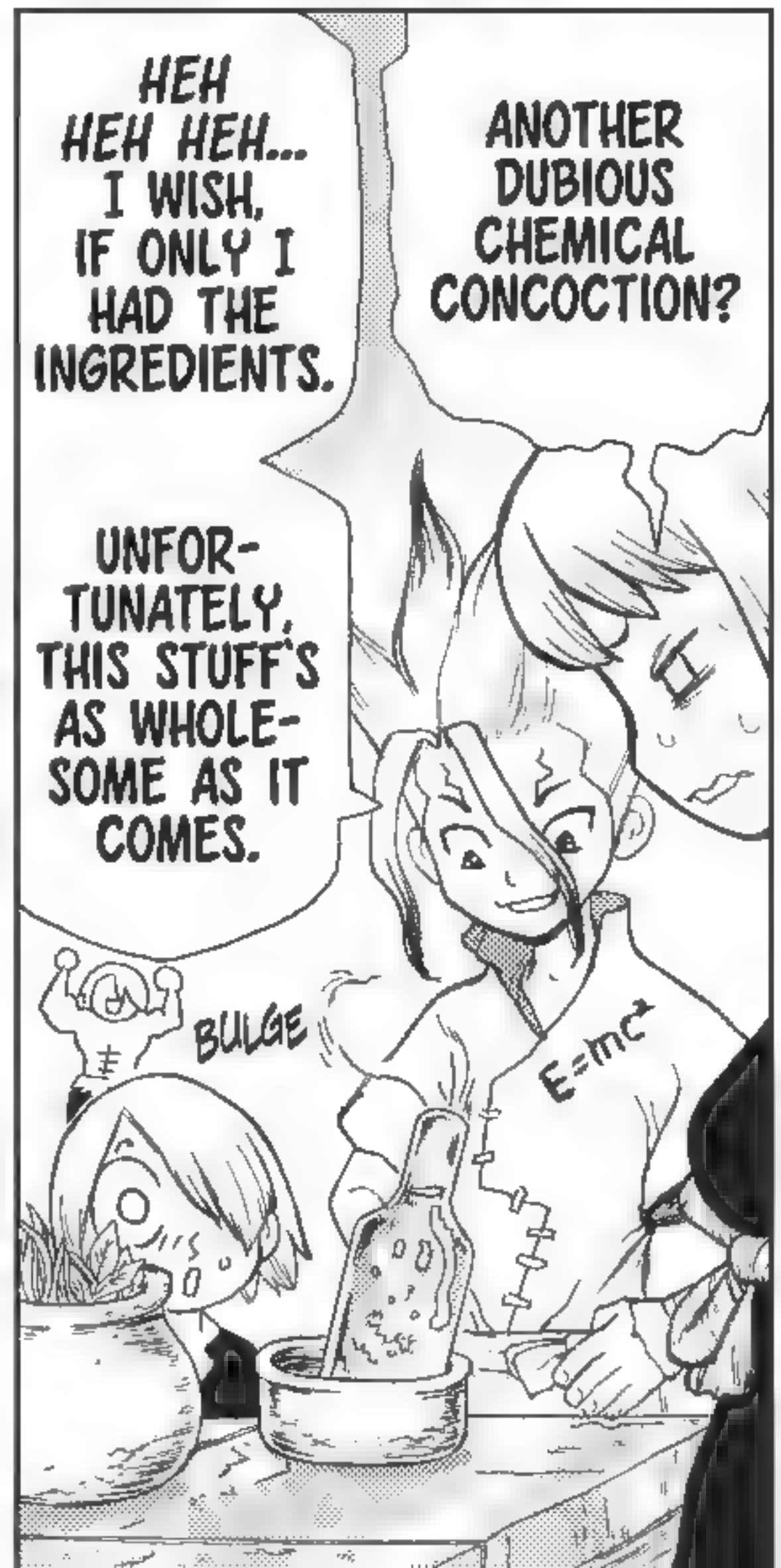


IT'S MADE  
FROM...  
CAMELLIA.



AND JAPANESE  
SWEET FLAG.

GULP GULP



HEH  
HEH HEH...  
I WISH,  
IF ONLY I  
HAD THE  
INGREDIENTS.

ANOTHER  
DUBIOUS  
CHEMICAL  
CONCOCTION?

UNFOR-  
TUNATELY,  
THIS STUFF'S  
AS WHOLE-  
SOME AS IT  
COMES.

BULGE

$E=mc^2$





**SUIKA'S NOT  
FIGHTING  
IN THE  
TOURNA-  
MENT...**

**...SO SUIKA  
CAN STILL BE  
HELPFUL TO  
EVERYONE!!**

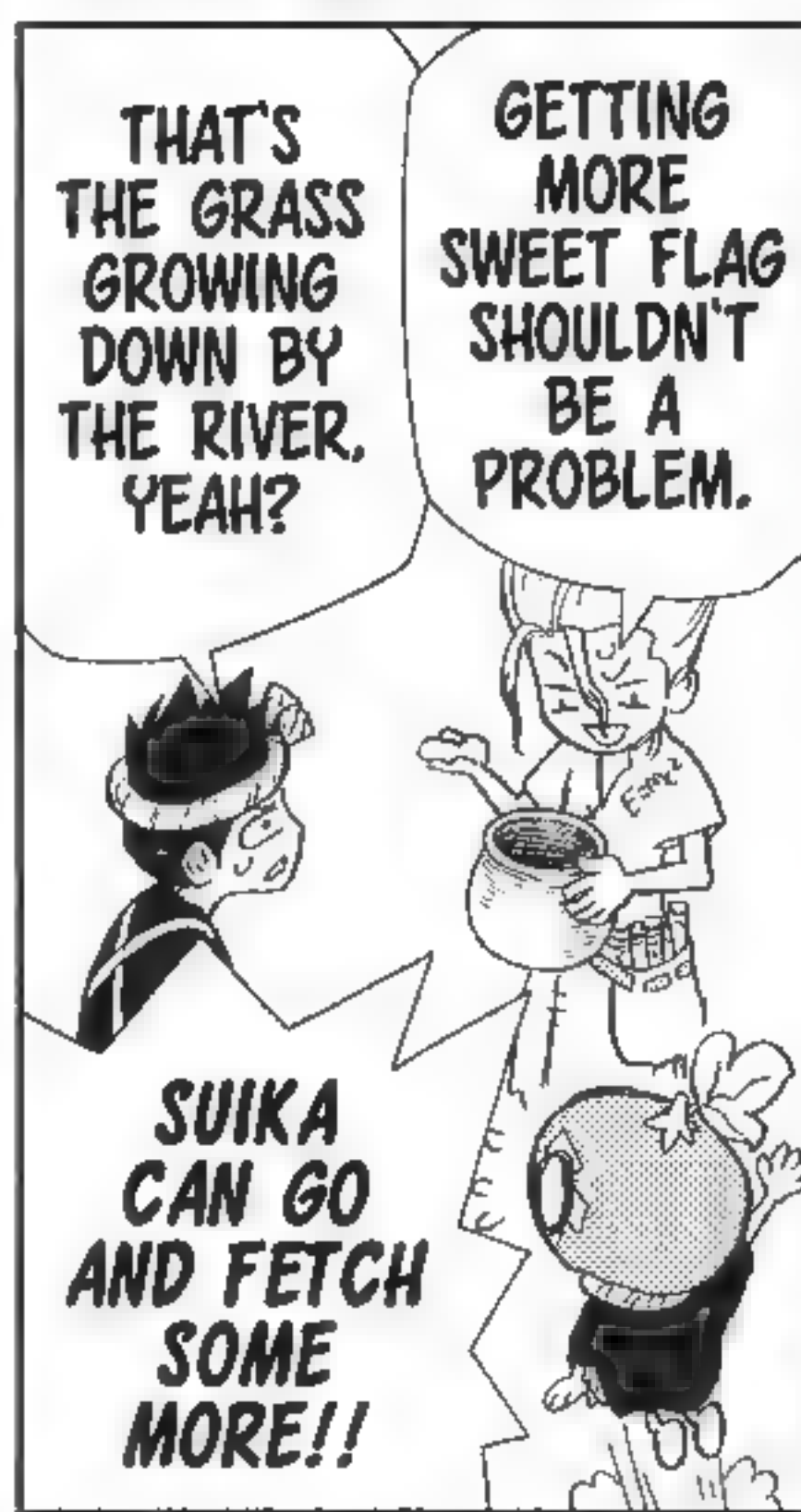


**...IF  
KINRO  
LOSES  
TO  
MAGMA,  
THEN...**

**I DIDN'T HAVE  
A CHOICE.  
THE WAY  
THE TOURNEY  
BRACKET  
TURNED  
OUT...**

**...I'VE  
GOTTA  
BEAT THE  
BIG GUY  
MYSELF.**

**DID YOU  
SERIOUSLY  
EAT THE  
RAW  
INGREDIENTS  
TOO?**



**THAT'S  
THE GRASS  
GROWING  
DOWN BY  
THE RIVER.  
YEAH?**

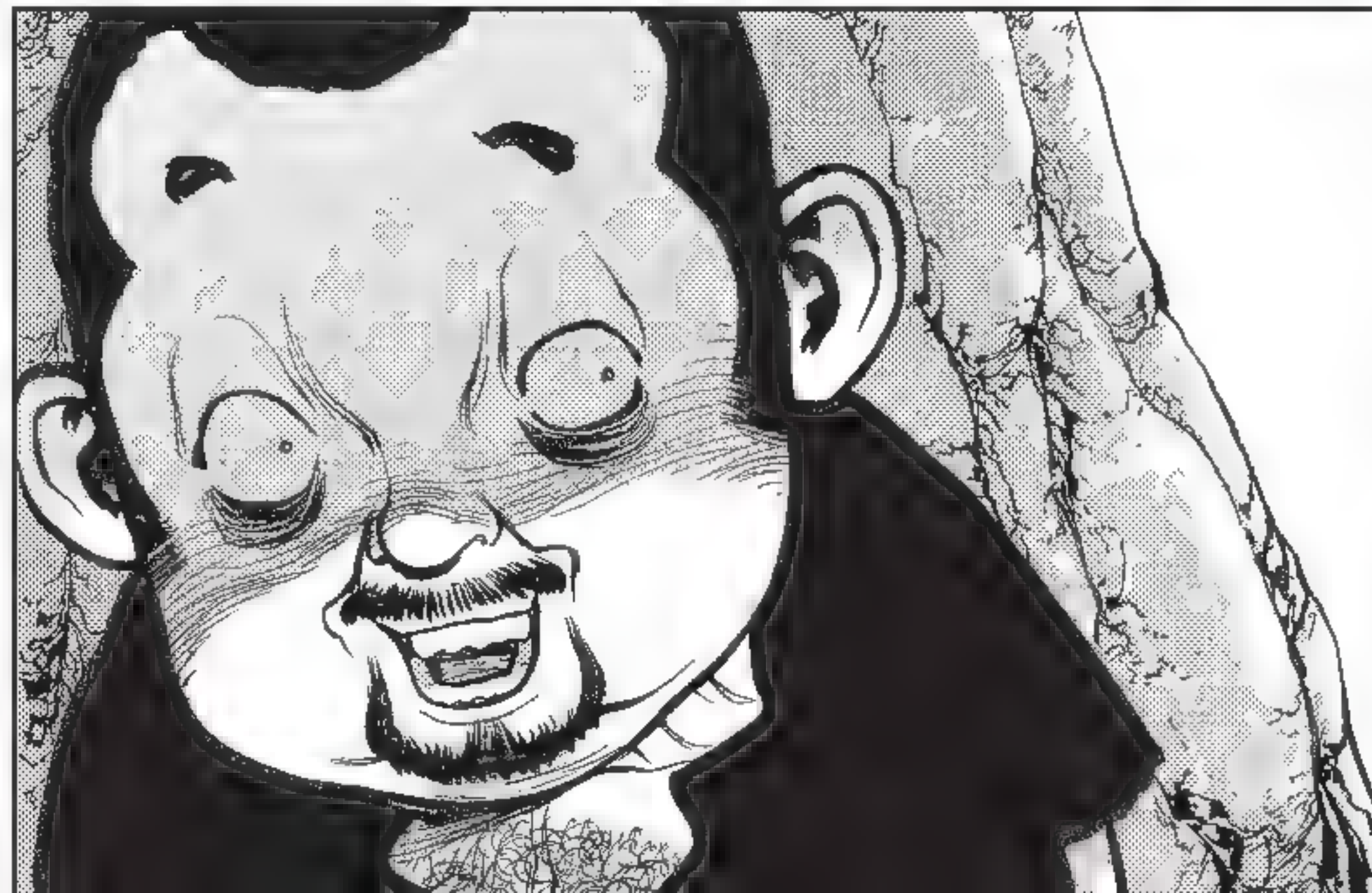
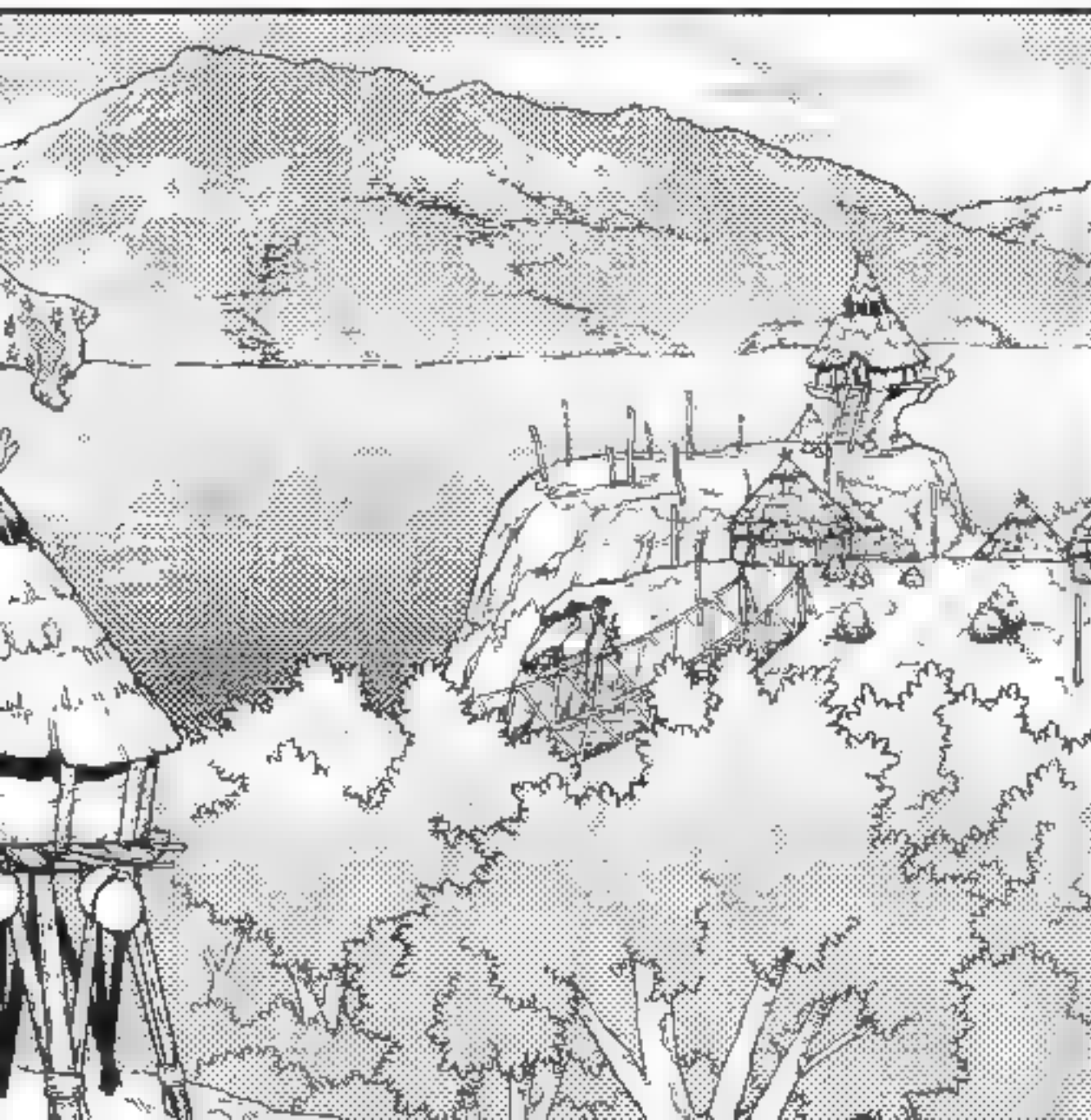
**GETTING  
MORE  
SWEET FLAG  
SHOULDN'T  
BE A  
PROBLEM.**

**SUIKA  
CAN GO  
AND FETCH  
SOME  
MORE!!**



**EXCEPT  
SOMEONE  
WENT AND  
DRANK IT  
ALL DOWN!!**

**WHUT?  
THERE'S  
NO  
MORE?!**







HEYYY,  
MISS  
KOHAKU  
!!

IT'S  
TER-  
RIBLE!  
AWFUL  
!!



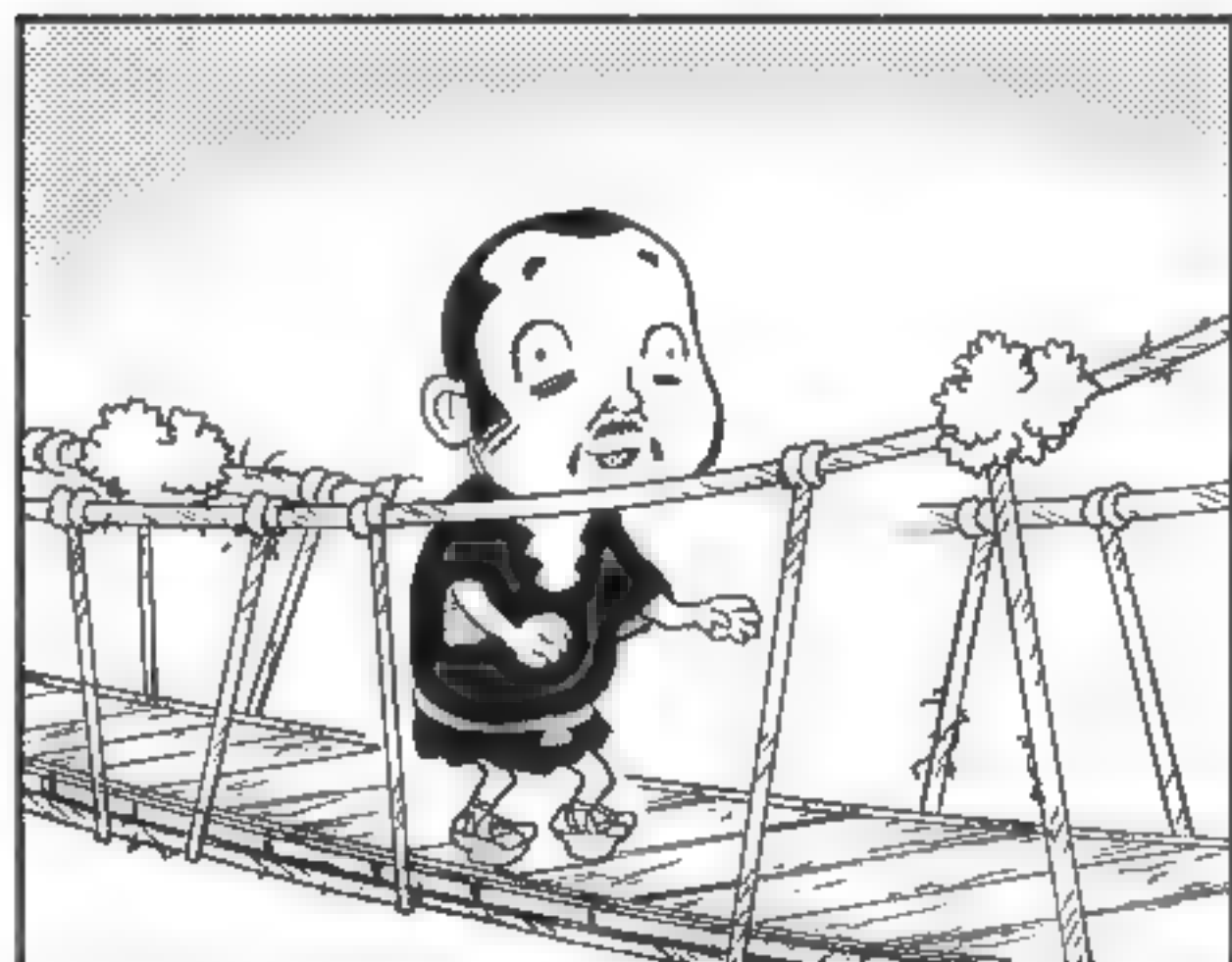


**YOU'RE THE  
QUICKEST  
ONE HERE,  
MISS KOHAKU!  
IF YOU DON'T  
SAVE HER...**

**SUIKA WAS  
HEADING TO  
THE RIVER TO  
PICK SOME  
MEDICINAL  
HERBS...**

**...SHE'S A  
GONER!**

**...BUT  
SHE FELL  
IN! SHE'S  
DROWNING!**



**...A BALD-  
FACED,  
OUTRIGHT  
LIE!**

**THAT'S  
TEN  
BILLION  
PERCENT  
...**

**I JUST  
HAPPENED  
TO BE  
WALKING BY  
THE RIVER.  
THAT'S WHEN  
I SAW HER.**

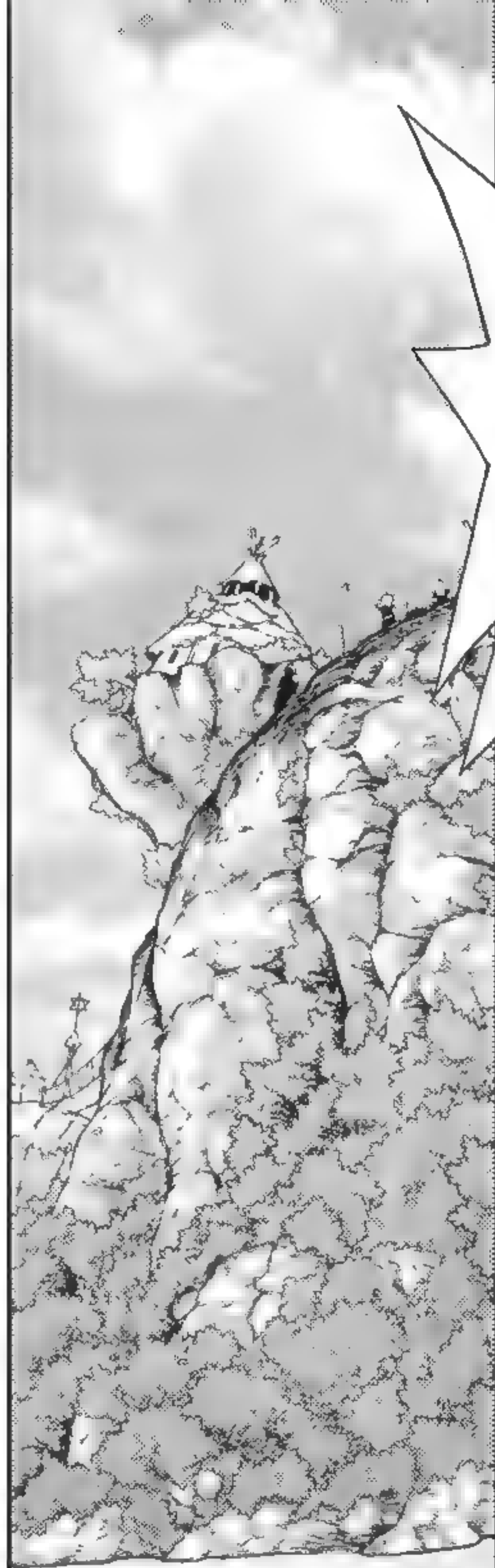
**I'M  
NOT  
LYING.**







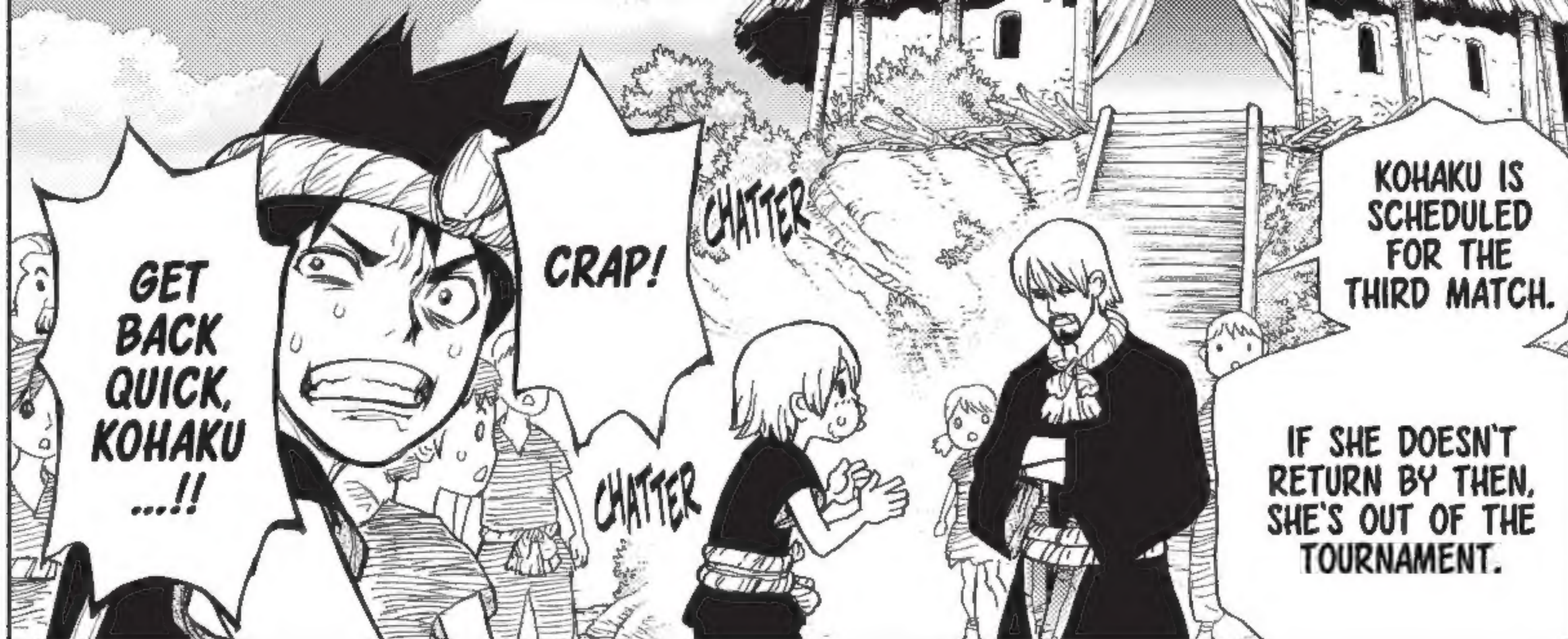




**KOHAKU!!**







GET  
BACK  
QUICK,  
KOHAKU  
....!!

CRAP!

CHATTER

CHATTER

KOHAKU IS  
SCHEDULED  
FOR THE  
THIRD MATCH.

IF SHE DOESN'T  
RETURN BY THEN,  
SHE'S OUT OF THE  
TOURNAMENT.



WITH  
KOHAKU  
OUTTA THE  
WAY, NONE  
CAN OPPOSE  
ME!



NO  
PROBLEM.

JUST  
MAKING  
DOUBLY  
SURE.

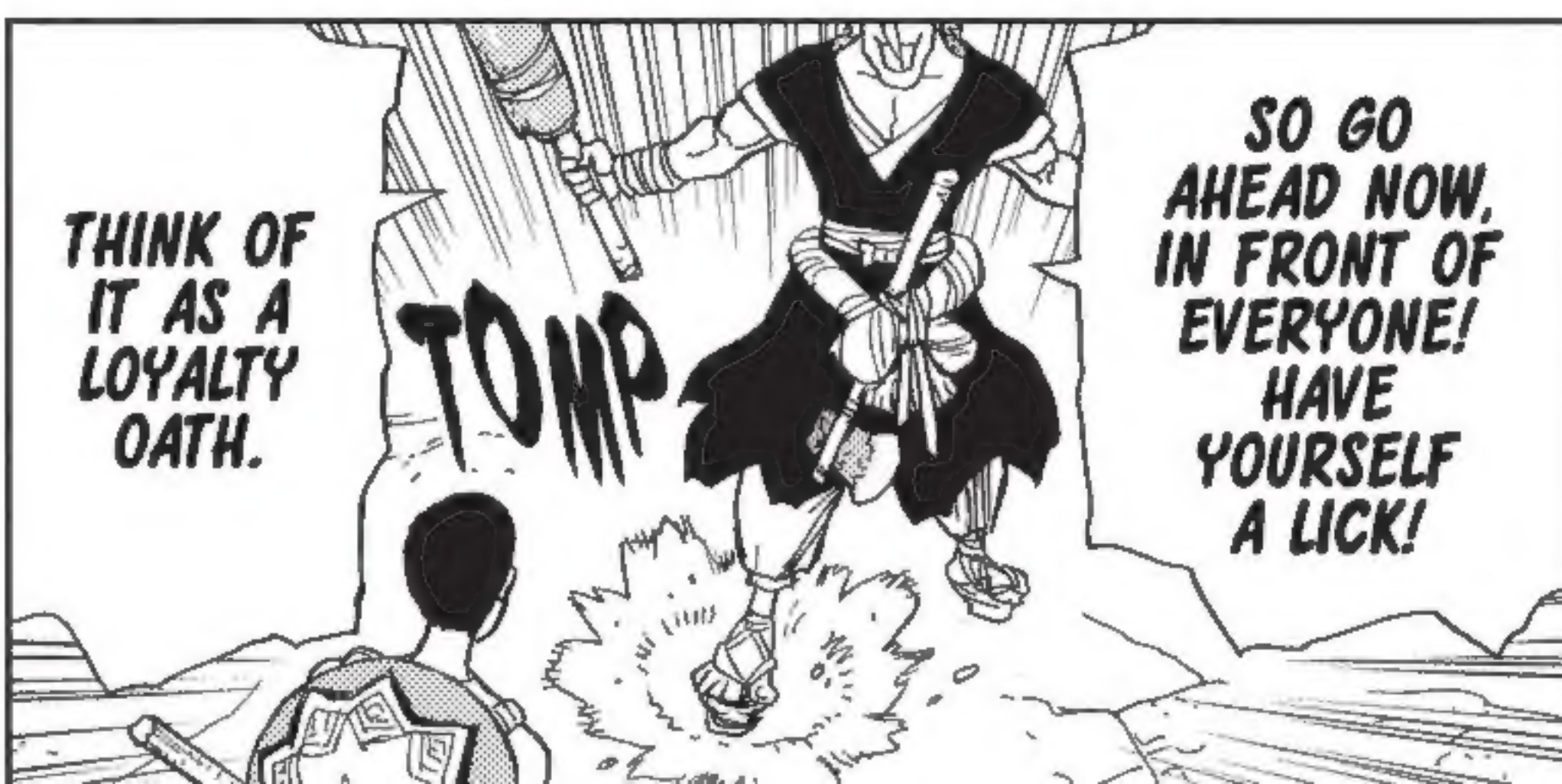
MWA HA  
HA! NICE  
GOING,  
MANTLE!



IF YOU'RE  
WILLING TO  
LICK MY  
BOOTS, KINRO,  
YOU CAN BE  
MY RIGHT-  
HAND MAN.

THERE'S  
ALWAYS  
ROOM FOR  
A STRONG  
FIGHTER AT  
MY SIDE!!

RURI WILL  
BE MY  
BRIDE, AND  
THE CHIEF'S  
THRONE IS  
AS GOOD AS  
MINE!!



THINK OF  
IT AS A  
LOYALTY  
OATH.

TOMP

SO GO  
AHEAD NOW,  
IN FRONT OF  
EVERYONE!  
HAVE  
YOURSELF  
A LICK!





I'M NO  
LONGER  
THE  
FIGHTER...

BESIDES,  
THINGS  
WON'T GO  
AS YOU'VE  
PLANNED.

...YOU  
KNOW.



YOUR  
WORDS MAY  
RING TRUE,  
MAGMA.

BUT I  
REFUSE  
TO KNEEL  
BEFORE  
YOU.

BECAUSE  
WHILE  
EVERYONE  
HAS THEIR  
SCHEMES  
TO WIN THIS  
BOUT...

...I'M A  
MAN WHO  
INSISTS ON  
FIGHTING  
THE GOOD  
FIGHT.



I MUST  
WIN THIS  
FIGHT...


...FOR MY  
'FRIENDS'  
SAKE.



WHAT'S SO  
DIFFERENT  
ABOUT  
TODAY,  
HUH?!

MWA HA HA!  
SAYS A MAN  
WHO'S NEVER  
BEATEN ME  
ONCE.



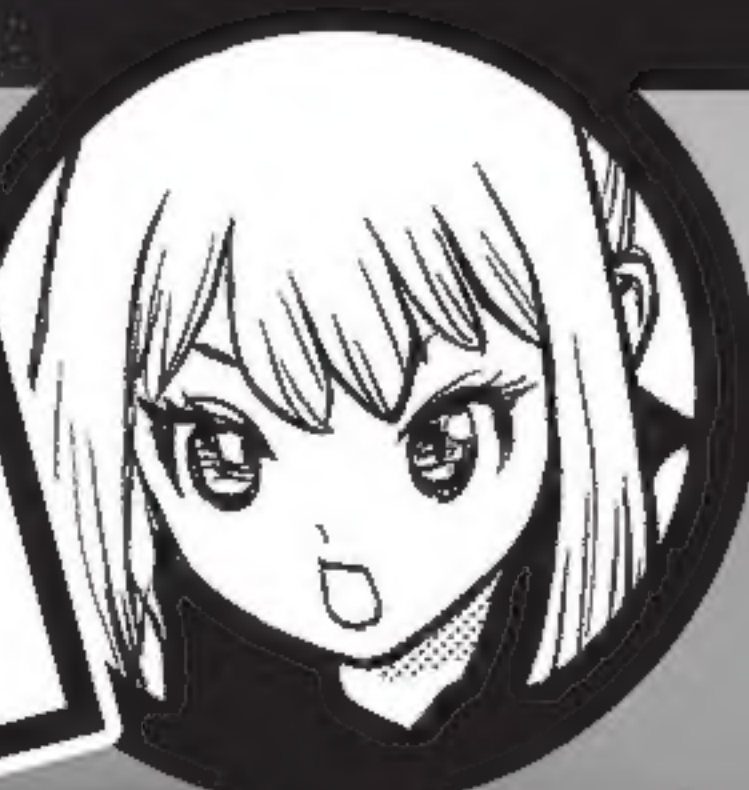


**UNLIKE YOU,  
WITH YOUR  
DISHONORABLE  
LUST FOR  
POWER...**

**...I'M  
FIGHTING  
FOR  
SOMETHING  
FAR  
GREATER!**

**TO BE CONTINUED**





# GRAND BOUT

# COMBATANTS

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS!!

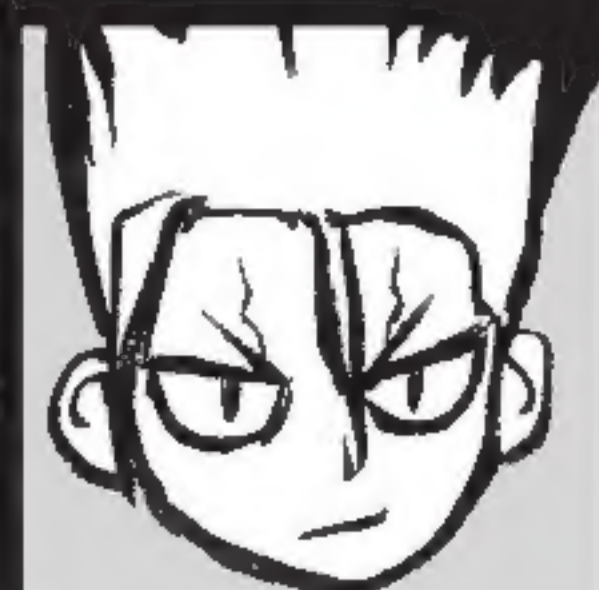
Matchup 3

Strong? Weak? Doesn't matter, since he has virtually no fighting experience. But he might use his incredible intelligence to outmaneuver his opponent...

**D**

Strategic Type

Senku



I won't lose to anyone in speed. If I end up facing Magma, I believe I can win, if only by a narrow margin.

**SS**

Speed Type

Kohaku



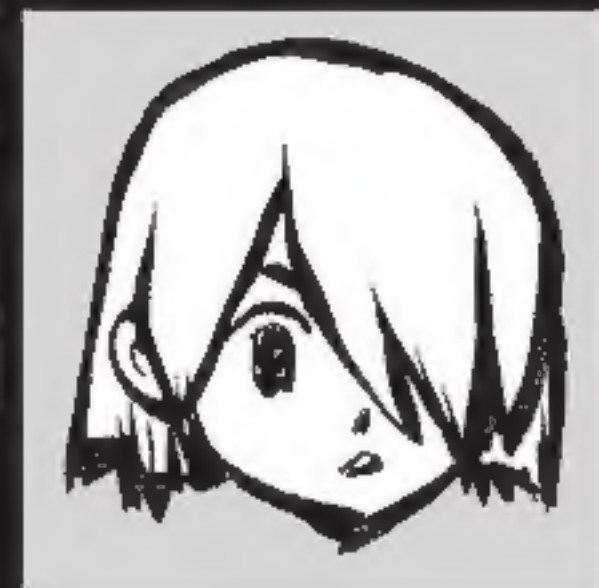
Matchup 4

The fastest fighter here, besides me. Not too powerful, though. He'll turn tail and run as soon as he realizes he's at a disadvantage, which is a real problem.

**B**

Speed Type

Ginro



A mighty warrior on par with Kinro. I've only given him an "A" ranking because Ginro would chicken out if he thought Argo was an "S"!

**A**

Power Type

Argo



Matchup 1

Kinro



Astoundingly high potential. Good defense, but somewhat lacking on offense. It's time to see the fruits of his training!

Balanced Type

**S**

Magma



Even I couldn't beat this guy in a contest of pure power. His overconfidence will lead to sloppy fighting early on, so it's important to beat him before he cools down and starts actually using his head.

Power Type

**SS**

Mantle



No offensive strength at all. He's reasonably quick, though, so Chrome might have a hard time pinning him down.

Speed Type

**C**

Chrome



Years of exploring have granted him exceptional fortitude. He won't lose to Mantle, but pulling off the win could take time.

Strategic Type

**C**

Matchup 2